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NEWSBRIEFS

Scholarships

Socorro High School senior Abel Navejas III has been awarded a \$20,000 scholarship from the Coca Cola Scholars Foundation, as has Cesar Nunez, a graduating senior from Gadsden High School in the Upper Valley. The awards were based on academic excellence, community service, leadership and work experience.

SISD names top teachers

Socorro Independent School District named its two top Teachers of the Year during the May 9 "Classroom Heroes" banquet. Chris Regan, a 23-year teaching veteran who teaches physical education at Sierra Vista Elementary School was selected at the elementary level. Secondary teacher of the year is Norma Ayala, who came to the district in 1990,



Chris Regan



Norma Ayala

and teaches computer applications to business students at Socorro High School. She sponsors the National Vocational-Technical Honor Society and the Business Professionals of America chapters at SHS and was the Mission Valley Walmart 2001 Teacher of the Year. In addition to the winners, Socorro ISD finalists include Leslie Chavez of H.D. Hilley Elementary; James Vasquez of Hueco Elementary; Karen Dee Davis of Americas High; and Robert Casao of Montwood High.

All for a good Causey

They pledged pennies-per-pound lifted, and they weren't disappointed at Campestre Elementary in Socorro on Tuesday morning when Socorro ISD Instruction Specialist Ben Causey manhandled 500 pounds of steel to raise funds for the Freedom Flag Project at Socorro Activities Complex. Causey, assisted by Socorro High School and KEYS Academy weightlifters Sam Cable and Rick Barraza, was attempting to top his previous performance of lifting 420 pounds on April 16 at a Board of Trustees meeting. Plans call for a 100-foot flagpole and landscaped area to showcase a garrison-sized flag. Cost of the project is \$50,000, and contributions now total more than \$21,000.

In other news

The Socorro ISD board of trustees selected officers during their first meeting following the May 4 elections. Newly elected Craig Patton, a former trustee, was

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Socorro ISD honors volunteers, partners

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — Celebrating Excellence" was the theme as Socorro ISD said thanks to its numerous volunteers and Partners in Education with music and good food on Thursday, May 9.

Socorro ISD Superintendent Dr. Don P. Schulte said the example set by partners and volunteers is important because it illustrates the mentality of "doers."

SISD board of trustee's new president, Craig Patton, said the education of children requires the right "mix" of educators, business people and community and volunteer parents.

He noted that today's "students will be your future employees."

The poise and capability of some of SISD's students were very evident as student emcees took over the microphone to present much of the program, including all the PIE awards and provide closing acknowledgments.



GOOD JOB NOTED — SISD's best and most generous volunteers and partners were noted at the luncheon. Among those were, from right, SISD Educator Jan Engels; Betty Fisbeck of the TransPecos Audobon Society; Superintendent Dr. Don Schulte; Marie Cadena and Ben Narbuth of the Horizon City Kiwanis Club; attorney and new SISD board president Craig Patton; and Pat Ramirez and Karla Altamirano representing Sam's Club.



HIGH-STEPPIN' — The Emerald Dancers of Montwood High School did some fancy steps in "Jazz Mix," coached by Dance Director Margie Dykes.



LITTLE GIRL, BIG VOICE — Brittney Gamboa was given a standing ovation following her performance of the National Anthem. She is a student at Salvador H. Sanchez Middle School.

Partners are like shining stars to San Eli ISD

By Don Woodyard
Courier Staff Writer

HORIZON CITY — "Shining Stars" fell on Horizon City last Thursday.

The shining stars were the Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS) and Partners in Education (PIE) who had contributed their time and efforts to the overall educational process in the San Elizario Independent School District during the school year. They were honored for their service by the district at the sixth annual recognition luncheon at Emerald Springs Golf and Convention Center.

"We appreciate everything you have done for us," said Mike Quatrini, district superintendent. "You really add to our campuses."

Noted Phillip Cortez, communications officer for SEISD. "You are worth your weight in gold. You are invaluable. You are very supportive in encouraging our children."

The number one VIPS was Dana Ballentine who has logged 891 hours as a volunteer in Alarcon Elementary this year. She received a

special award from Quatrini. She is one of 42 volunteers who have worked a total of 18,611 hours at various campuses.

"I enjoy it; I love it," Ballentine says with a smile. Her schedule is much like that of a paid district employee, working from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Alarcon Elementary, she points out, is "home sweet home to me. There is no place like home." She has been a volunteer, she says, for six to seven years.

The other top five volunteers are Olga Chavez, 839 hours; Sandra Duenas, 777 hours; Emma Salcido, 773 hours; and Carmen Valles, 710 hours. Fifty PIE companies were recognized for giving of their time to help the district.

"You do so much work for us," Cortez said of the companies and organizations. "We eat your pizza; we play your video games." The PIE list includes Big 8 stores, El Paso Diablos, El Paso Electric, State National Bank, Flicks Pizza and Video, El Paso Quilters Association, Sheriff's Department, Border Patrol, Wal-Mart, Denny's, Roller King, Border Patrol, UT El Paso, YMCA, King's Pizza and the *West Texas County Courier*.

County may begin trash collection in East Montana

EL PASO COUNTY — El Paso County Commissioners voted Monday to begin seeking bids from private companies for twice-a-week trash collection for some 1,250 East Montana area customers who get their water from the County.

The County is the sponsoring political subdivision that took over several small independent water districts in the East Montana area. Homestead Municipal Utility District already collects trash for its customers in East Montana at a rate of \$12.45 per month and offered to handle the County bid, however, Commis-

sioners wanted to see what other offers would come to light.

County Engineer Robert Rivera said he projects trash collection to begin within in three months, but doesn't expect the County's water customers to see any increase in their \$25 base charge because a loan was recently paid off which should just about cover cost of trash collection.

County Miguel Teran has been an advocate of mandating county-wide trash collection because he hopes it would cut down on illegal desert dumping.

Buckle up... or face a fine Safety belts save lives and money say enforcement agencies

Courier Staff Reports

EL PASO COUNTY — If you plan to be out and about over the Memorial Day holiday, two little words of advice are in order: Buckle up.

Law enforcement will be out in force from May 20 to June 2 in an attempt to protect those on the road. Operating under the catchy title of "Click It or Ticket," officers will aggressively enforce the seat belt law, which is credited with saving hundreds of lives since it was instituted.

Participating agencies include Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS), Texas Department of Transportation, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Public Safety, Texas Police Chief's Association, the Texas Municipal Police Association and the Sheriff's Association to mention a few, as well as the Horizon City Police Department.

"I'm directing all officers to step up enforcement on the use of safety belts, especially for teenagers, front seat passengers, male drivers, pickup drivers and their passengers and minor children," said Antonio Aguilar, Horizon Chief of Police.

Texas law mandates the following in respect to seat belts:

- Every person sitting in the front seat of a vehicle must wear a safety belt. All children under 17 years old must be secured with a safety belt or in a child safety seat, regardless if they are in the front or back seats. A child less than four years old and less than 36 inches in height must be secured in a child safety seat.

- Drivers can be stopped and ticketed for safety belt violation if any of their passengers under 17 years of age are not properly buckled or restrained. Penalty for this violation is a fine of between \$100 and \$200, or mandatory attendance at a traffic safety education class regarding safety restraints.

- Drivers and passengers 15 years old and over can be ticketed directly for not wearing a safety belt in the front seat. Fines range \$25 to \$50.

"The State's goal is to reach 85 percent safety belt use for the Holiday," Aguilar said. "If we did, we could see a statewide reduction of over 200 deaths and 5,000 injuries. Everyone should use their safety belts, not just during the holidays, but everyday," he said.

He said even a jump in seat belt use as small as 9 percent can result in an estimated insurance/medical cost savings of about \$390 million.

Aguilar added that children do what they see their parents do: studies show that when a driver is buckled up, 87 percent of the children are also. Conversely, when the driver doesn't buckle, only 24 percent of the children do.

There are several "hard-core" groups who are proving more difficult to convince than others. They include front seat passengers, men, teen drivers, pickup drivers and their passengers. It is estimated that one third of children in vehicles are not properly restrained.

*An open mind, like an open window,
should be equipped with a screen to keep
the bugs out.*

— Quips and Quotes



One perspective

By Francis Shrum

Motherly confessions

Mother's Day is over. Now somebody should tell the truth.

I get treated really good around Mother's Day. I can count on Lions Club roses or other goodies, and a special meal of some sort. My kids sneak around getting presents for me and snicker about my not knowing.

And then there are the cards. My favorites are the homemade ones with "I Love You" in giant letters. But there is an aspect to Mother's Day verse that tugs at my heart and conscience — as it probably does for every mother with an honest bone in her body who gets a Hallmark card declaring that she is some sort of spiritual icon who never had a selfish thought and wordlessly sacrificed herself on the altar of her children.

Hogwash. It's time the truth be told. Prompted by fear, anger, fatigue, frustration, or just plain old selfishness, there have been more times than I care to count that I didn't always do the best I could.

I let them have too much sugar in their cereal.

I made them wear less than the latest fashion because I didn't believe the label was worth the money.

I chastised them for taking something, which I later found in my own stuff — and I didn't go back and apologize.

I made them poop-scoop because I hate the job myself.

I waited too long between haircuts and dental appointments.

I corrected them for the same offense with varying degrees of intensity depending on my mood that day.

I bought things for myself on shopping trips when I didn't get anything for them.

I didn't always remind them to

brush their teeth.

I licked the cake batter bowl without letting them know so I wouldn't have to share.

I mostly wasn't patient.

I wasn't always fair.

I said yes when I should have said no, and said no when I should have said yes.

Mothering is not, nor has it ever been, an exact science. At its most basic level, mothering means keeping a helpless creature alive until it comes to the point where it can provide for itself.

But there's not a card that says: "Dear Mom, Thanks for keeping me alive." Maybe there should be.

Most mothers fall somewhere into that enormous variance between overprotective smothering and total neglect. We've done our child-rearing as it was woven into the day-to-day fabric of our lives, between marriage, school, earning a living, making and keeping a home.

Child-rearing is one of those jobs where you can't tell for sure just how well you're doing until it is finished.

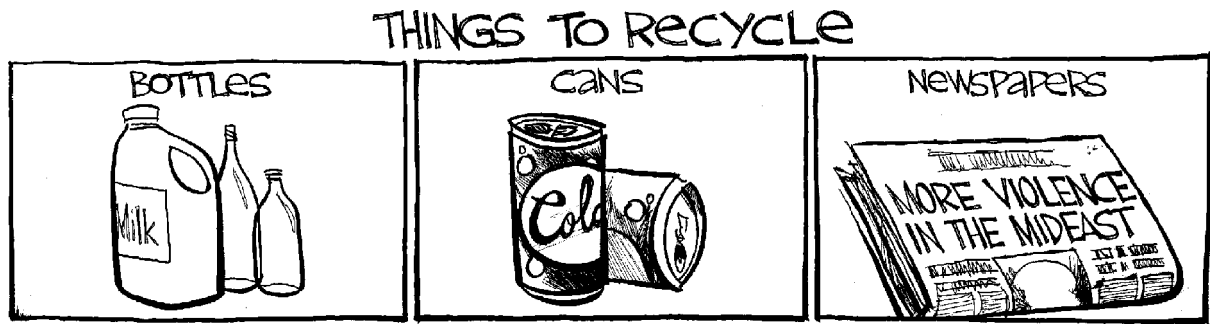
The best thing you can teach your kids is forgiveness. Forgiveness for things you did, for things you didn't do. For who you are, for who you are not.

You and your kid both need a lot of forgiveness.

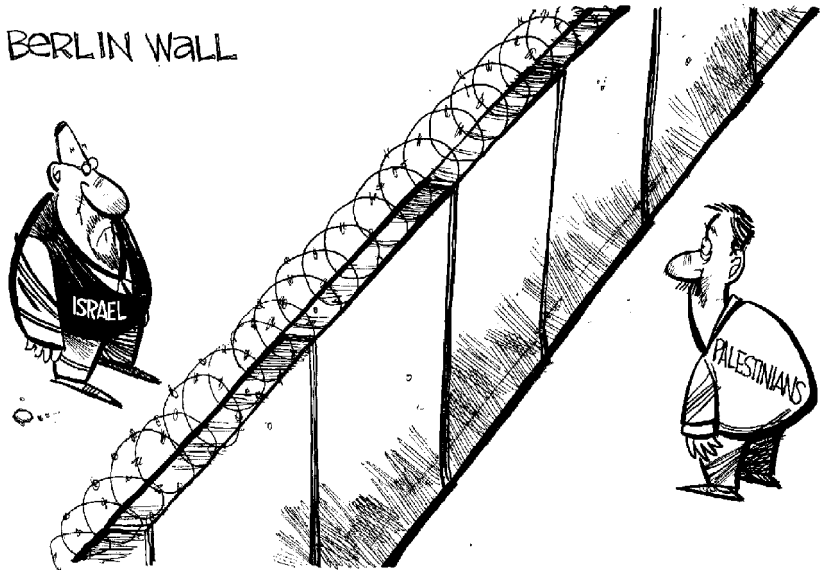
I hope I haven't spoiled things for next year. I sure do like those roses on the kitchen table and the new necklace with tiny representations of my four children dangling on it.

It is a rare mother indeed who actually lives up to the Hallmark standard. I know I sure don't.

But I don't think I've confessed anything here my kids didn't already know — or at least suspect.



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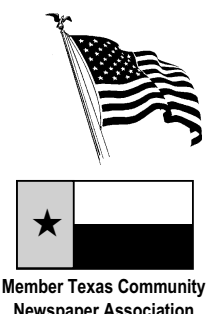
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Water truck will make life easier for colonia residents

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — It isn't high tech and it isn't a permanent solution, but many colonia residents will get water more conveniently and at a lower price when the water truck comes around.

In a collaboration between Alianza Para El Desarrollo Comunitario Inc., a community-action group; the Lower Valley Water District; and the Rural Development and Finance Corporation, a non-profit private agency in San Antonio; a truck has been obtained that will carry community water to colonia communities in Hueco Tanks, East Montana, the Horizon area and in the Lower Valley.

Dubbed "Agua Para Las Colonias Project," it is estimated that the water delivery system will bring customers a savings of between \$288 and \$360 annually, depending on their water usage and location.

"Being that the average colonia household income is between \$6,000 and \$11,000 a year, we believe this savings to be substantial," said Daniel Solis, Alianza executive director. "Although not a permanent solution to the water needs of colonia residents it is none the less a community response to the inability of our representatives to seek a sustainable solution to a very basic and fundamental need."

The \$59,000 truck was shown off during a press conference on May 9. It is expected to make obtaining water much easier for colonia residents who have no dependable transportation with which to haul their own water.

The LVWD is providing the water, the truck driver, and the administrative support for the project. General Manager Arturo "Tury" Duran said he hopes that conventional water service will be available to all 125 colonias within the LVWD jurisdiction. Currently, he said 96 percent are serviced.

San Eli welcomes back board members re-elected

SAN ELIZARIO—The three trustees who were re-elected to the board of the San Elizario Independent School District were sworn in at its May 8 meeting.

Rick Rednour, Place 1; Armando Martinez, Place 2; and Fernie Madrid, Place 3 took the oath of office from Alice Guerra following the official approval of the election results. Antonio Araujo was re-elected president of the board, and Rednour was re-elected vice president. Robert Garcia was elected secretary.

Superintendent Mike Quatrini praised the re-election of the three men, saying the community has "yelled out" its support of the school board and the work it is doing.

In other action, the board, on recommendation of the administration, discontinued a career ladder for new teachers.

"I don't think it will hurt the district," Quatrini said in addressing concerns of some board members who felt it might have a detrimental effect on recruiting new teachers. He explained that many area school districts have already dropped the career ladder system. Those already on the career ladder would not be affected.

An agenda item on reducing the stipend for bilingual teachers was deleted at the request of the superintendent. The item had recommended a reduction from \$2,500 to \$1,500 because the administration felt that "a shortage no longer exists."

However, Quatrini explained, recent events in other school districts, occurring after publishing of the May 8 board agenda, might create a bilingual teacher shortage.

Dan Gonzalez, project manager with Urban Associates, said work is right on schedule for completion of the new district administration. He hinted that it might be completed sooner than projected. The building is 80 percent complete.

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I appreciate your vote! Thank you.

- Janice Armstrong
Clint ISD Board Trustee

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Phamiliar phrases the "graveyard shift"

At one time, rich families employed night watchmen to guard a recent burial so grave robbers would not plunder the site. Nowadays, any shift worked through the midnight hours is a "graveyard shift."

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Anthony ISD Offers Summer Food Program

The Anthony Independent School District, Anthony, Texas announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Service Program. Breakfast and Lunch will be provided at the Anthony Elementary School Cafeteria from June 3, 2002 to August 2, 2002. Breakfast will be served from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. People who are eligible to participate in the program must not be discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, religion, or political belief. Anyone who believes that they have been discriminated against should write immediately to: Director, Civil Rights Division, MC W-106, Texas Department of Human Services, P.O. Box 149030, Austin, Texas 78714-9030 or the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250. NOTE: Discrimination complaints based on religion or political beliefs must be referred only to the Director, Civil Rights Division, Texas Department of Human Services, at the address above.

El Distrito de Anthony Ofrece Comida en el Verano

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Anthony, Anthony, Texas, anuncia que va ha ofrecer el Programa de Comida en el Verano. El desayuno y comida seran servidas en la Cafeteria de la Escuela Primaria de Anthony a partir del 3 de junio 2002 al 2 de agosto 2002. El desayuno se va a servir de 8:00 a.m. a 9:00 a.m. y comida de 11:30 a.m. a 12:30 p.m. Las personas que tienen derecho a participar en el programa no deben ser discriminadas por raza, color, origen nacional, edad, sexo, incapacidad, religion ni creencia política. Cualquiera que crea que lo han discriminado debe escribir inmediatamente al: Director, Civil Rights Division, MC W-106, Texas Department of Human Services, P.O. Box 149030, Austin, Texas 78714-9030, ó la Secretaria de Agricultura, Washington, D.C. 20250. *NOTA: Las quejas de discriminación por religion o creencia política deben presentarse solamente ante el Departamento de Servicios Humanos de Texas a la dirección antes mencionada.*

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Tornillo awarded library grant for second time

TORNILLO — Tornillo Media Center was one of 81 public libraries statewide to be awarded a Texas Book Festival grant, announced during the annual convention of the Texas Library Association on April 25 in Dallas. Joanne Spoon, TMC director, said the 2001 Texas Book Festival raised more than \$200,000 in book sales, special events and donations, and grants of \$2,500 were given to the selected libraries. This is the second time

the Tornillo site has received the grant. Spoon said the 7th Annual Festival will take place in November on the grounds of the Texas State Capitol. Founded in First Lady Laura Bush in 1995, the Festival is considered the most prestigious literary event in the Southwest. Spoon said TMC will use the funds for materials in the Spanish for community patrons.

Tornillo library representative elected president of Trans-Pecos Council

TORNILLO — Mrs. Kevin (Cecy) Lettunich has been elected President of the Texas Trans-Pecos Library Council, a three-year term. She has already served as a council member for the past four years, representing Tornillo Media Center, Inc. The Texas Trans Pecos Library Council represents 16 surrounding public libraries, meeting with each three

times a year and insuring that they fulfill all requirements to maintain accreditation with the Texas State Library in Austin. Mrs. Lettunich has been employed by the Tornillo Independent School District for the past eight years, six of which have been as a library assistant in Tornillo Middle School.

Borrego Elementary receives \$1,000 donation

SANELIZARIO — "It's important for business to stand behind the great things happening in our schools. We couldn't pass up the opportunity to support the Borrego Library," said Kelly Swan, spokesman for the Williams Company that recently donated \$1,000 to the Borrego Elementary School library in the San Elizario ISD. The brief ceremony took place May 8 in the school library. Presenting the check to school librarian Donna Cooper on behalf of Williams was Victor Telles, assistant supervisor for the company's El Paso operation. "Helping kids learn is a special feeling and a responsibility that we all share," added Swan. Telles said the Williams Co. wants to encourage and

support children in a positive way. He noted that the company has a "strong commitment" to helping communities in which it operates. Telles indicated that \$1,000 was not its only contribution to the library and that others would be made in the future. Cooper said the money would go to purchase additional student testing materials for books in its accelerated reading program. Telles explained that Williams is the contract operator for the Rio Grande Pipeline Co. According to its Internet site, Williams "moves, manages and markets all kinds of energy, including natural gas, liquids, petroleum and electricity."

TRUE TEXAS FACTS by Roger Moore May 19, 1836, Comanche Indians kidnap 9 year old Cynthia Ann Parker.



Contreras has been legal force behind the scenes for many County communities

By Don Woodyard
Courier Staff Writer

EL PASO COUNTY — He is a man of many places and has been a familiar face at city council meetings throughout the county.

His official office is in El Paso, but his actual office, on any given day, could be in Socorro or Anthony. His motto might well be "have laptop, will travel."

This man on the move is Richard Contreras, city attorney for these Upper and Lower Valley communities where he has been researching issues and advising legal courses of action for nearly 16 years.

"Can we do this?" one mayor might ask him. "Can we fire this man?" "What should we do?"

Whether it's drafting an ordinance or representing the city in a legal action, Contreras is the legal authority, the man these towns rely on to avoid legal pitfalls.

In addition to Socorro and An-

thony, he has also served as chief legal counsel for Horizon City during many of its formative years, and for the Village of Vinton until recently.

He graduated fifth in his class at Riverside High School in 1974 and was captain of the football team. He went on to graduate from UT El Paso in 1978 and earned his law degree from UT Austin in 1981.

He first entered the field of municipal law when he signed on as attorney for Socorro in 1986. He took on Vinton in 1990. He added Horizon City as a client around 1992, he recalls, and served there until the late 1990s. His recent departure from Vinton is after almost 11 years.

Anthony is the most recent addition, taking over from Sid Gibson in November of 2001.

"The cities have confidence in me; they give me latitude," he says. "They give me a problem; I go out



Richard Contreras

and fix it. I have done what makes them happy."

Former municipal leaders reflect this confidence. "He handled his job well," says Walt Lee, mayor of Horizon City in the 1990s. "Richard has a vast knowledge of a small town's operation. I relied on him totally. He had the ability to get along with different types of people."

Sam Monrreal, who is also leaving the Village of Vinton's town hall after losing his recent reelection bid for mayor, thinks highly of Contreras. "He has an excellent knowledge of municipal law," says Monrreal who served as mayor for 13 years and worked with Contreras for 10 of them.

"He provided us with information to make sound and wise decisions. He is a vital asset to have."

Contreras adheres to some basic tenets:

- Avoid emotional ties. They can compromise your ethics. "Then you

aren't any good to anybody."

- Recognize the fact that you don't know everything. "I know a lot, but I don't know everything. I am always learning."

- To avoid being arrogant and maintain humility. "To treat all people with the same level of respect."

- Avoid being so caught up in your work to the extent that you leave out family. To make a "conscious effort to spend time with the kids."

Municipal law dominates his practice, taking up 55 percent of his time. Family law takes up 35 percent. His daughter Valerie is his administrative assistant and runs his east side office.

Whether it is administering municipal law or family law, Contreras says he continues to strive for respect as a professional and abides by basic principles of integrity and honesty. "This is why I have survived."

By "doing something for others...by doing the best you can for your clients" he feels he can add value to his life where it "means something."

Sanchez Middle gains superior rating at music festival

SAN ANTONIO — This past weekend the Sanchez Middle School Band and Choir directed by Sharon Hittle and Michael Hernandez, respectively, attended the Bluebonnet Classic Music Festival in San Antonio, Texas. Both the band and choir received Superior Ratings, Division I in that contest. The band competed at Trinity University and the Choir competed at Samuel Clemens High School.

The groups both were able to attend and show support for each other's performances.

The group also visited the San Antonio Riverwalk, The Alamo, Ripley's Museums, Sea World and finally spend a day Fiesta Texas where the awards ceremony was held.

The group extended their thanks to those entities which helped and supported in our fundraising efforts to make this trip possible.

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tapped as president; Martha Contreras as vice-president; and Alex Vidales was elected secretary. Other members of the board are Brenda Castañada, Isela Rosales and Guillermo "Willie" Gandara.

- Americas High School feeder-pattern schools, Boy Scout Troop #37 and Montwood High took part in a "Team Up to Clean Up" event on Saturday, May 11. With graduation ceremonies in mind, the crews focused on the Montwood area, along Joe Battle and the entrance to the Socorro Activities Complex. Organizer and Socorro ISD Trustee Martha

Contreras hosted a social luncheon afterward at Vista del Sol and Bob Hope.

- The David G. Burnet Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas will hold a luncheon meeting at 11:30 on Friday, May 31, at El Convento at Loretto Academy. Special guests will be Betty Boggs, Outstanding 7th Grade Texas History Teacher, from Dr. Hornedo Middle School, and Kathryn Bohle, 4th Grade Texas History Essay Contest winner from Carlos Rivera Elementary. For information: 584-2086.

- The Montwood High School Student Council was elected the 2002-2003 president of the Texas Association of Student Councils during the group's annual meeting in Arlington, Texas in April.

Thirteen students representing Montwood attended the convention, led by Montwood Student Council President Gus Blanco. They campaigned against 1,300 other high schools from across Texas. This is the first time an El Paso County student council has attained the state title, and representatives of Montwood will attend the national convention and leadership camp later this year. The group is sponsored by Laura Price.

- Horizon City's Clean Up Days have been set for Friday and Saturday, May 24-25, 7 a.m. to noon. Organizers request that volunteers contact Town Hall for trash bags and information regarding pickup of trash collected. Call 852-1046 or 852-1004 for information.

- The San Elizario ISD board of

trustees has nominated Don Woodyard, of the *West Texas County Courier* to the State Media Honor Roll for the sixth year in a row, for "fair and balanced reporting" of school issues. The announcement was made at the board meeting on May 8.

- Surratt Elementary first grade students attended a Children's Storytelling Program at the Clint High School Library in celebration of *Día de los Niños* on May 1. Clint High School students presently enrolled in a dual-credit English class entertained the first grade Surratt students with poems, stories and music. Several of the first grade student's parents also attended and signed up for library cards with Clint ISD's new public librarian, Lilia Belmonte.

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Respond:

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MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS
CSP NO.199-0521-0261
TUESDAY,
MAY 21, 2002,
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.
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SOCORRO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Invitation to Bid/
Respond:

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

times:

CAFETERIA TABLES
CSP NO.199-0521-0249
TUESDAY,
MAY 21, 2002,
3:30 P.M.

Proposals will be received at Business Services Dept., 12300 Eastlake Drive, El Paso, Texas 79928 until the specified times. Detailed specifications are available from the above office between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.
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SOCORRO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Invitation to Bid/
Respond:

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

MEDICAL SUPPLIES
CSP NO.199-0521-0264
TUESDAY,
MAY 21, 2002,
3:00 P.M.

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SOCORRO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Invitation to Bid/
Respond:

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

SEWAGE AND GREASE TRAP SERVICES
CSP NO.199-0521-0240
TUESDAY,
MAY 21, 2002,
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.
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LEGAL NOTICE STATE OF MAINE PROBATE COURT
Location: Portland

CUMBERLAND, SS. Petitioner: Sharon L Simpson. This notice is directed to any and all known & unknown Birthfathers, whereabouts unknown, who may believe to have an interest in this Appointment of Guardian of Minor. This cause came to be heard on the Motion of the Petitioner for Service by Publication on Respondent. It is hereby ORDERED that the Respondent appear and defend the cause and serve a response to the Petition upon Petitioner, on or before JUNE 5, 2002 @ 8:30 AM, The Respondent is notified that, if he/she shall fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against him/her for the relief demanded in the Petition. His/Her response should also be filed with the Cumberland County Probate Court, 142 Federal Street, Portland, ME 04101 It is FURTHER ORDERED that this Order be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the El Paso, Texas area, once a week for two successive weeks. So ORDERED by William H Childs, Judge of Probate.
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SELF-HELP OPPORTUNITIES

Alcoholics Anonymous Group Paso Del Norte meets at 8501 Kingsway in Westway, Monday-Saturday, 8 p.m. Call 886-4948 for information.

Alcohólicos Anónimos Grupo Paso Del Norte sesiones lunes a sabado, a 8-9 de la tarde, 8501 Kingsway, Westway. 886-4948 para informacion.

Persons who have a problem with alcohol are offered a free source of

help locally. Alcoholics Anonymous Group 8 de Enero meets at 15360 Horizon Blvd. in Horizon City on Mondays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. Call 859-0484 for information.

Tiene problemas con el alcohol? Hay una solución. Visitemos. Alcohólicos Anónimos, Grupo 8 de Enero, 15360 Horizon Blvd., Horizon City, sesiones lunes a sábado a 8 de la tarde. Informacion: 859-0484.

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Closed roads and detours around East El Paso

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — The following road closures and detours are now in effect in East El Paso, according to Texas Department of Transportation spokesman Frank de Santos.

• **North Loop Dr.** - All traffic on North Loop Dr., from Yarbrough Dr. to Emerson will be switched to the newly constructed south side lanes beginning on Friday, May 10 at 7:00 a.m.

The northern section of Lafayette Dr. and Mauer Dr. will be closed periodically.

Northbound traffic on Lafayette will detour to Floyd Way and traffic on Mauer Dr. will detour to Gallagher St.

The traffic switch and closures will last approximately six months and are necessary to reconstruct North Loop Dr.

• **Lee Trevino Blvd.** - Lee Trevino Blvd., from Gateway East to Burnham St. will be closed to all traffic beginning on Monday, May 13 at 7 a.m. to approximately mid June.

Northbound traffic on Lee Trevino Blvd. will detour at Burnham St. or Gran Vista Dr. and southbound traffic will detour at either Gateway West or Gateway East.

Traffic on Gateway East can go north on Lee Trevino or straight through the intersection, but southbound traffic can detour at Gran Vista Dr.

The closures are necessary for construction of the Lee Trevino Turnarounds.

Information: 790-4339.

Write stuff

Dear Editor:

To the Citizens of Socorro: During my swearing-in ceremony for (Socorro) City Council, I got nervous and forgot to thank God (but he knows and forgives me). I also forgot to thank all those people who believed, supported, and worked with me and for me. My gratitude, trust, and many, many thanks go to them. I will try to make them proud.

During all this, some people told me that there are no clean campaigns and I proved them wrong. Someone told me there are no friends in politics and I proved him wrong. I have taken this as a very positive experience. It was hard work, fun, funny at times, I met nice people, learned many things that will be helpful in the future, I learned about trust, loyalty, truth, and I have no regrets.

I ask of you to remember us in your prayers. As I have said before, I will try to make the best decisions for the people of Socorro, whose children will ultimately benefit from our legacy, after all, they are the ones who hold the future in their hands.

I am also inviting those parents and teachers (who have not done so already) to educate their children on how and why their vote is important to their livelihood and those around them. Teach them to get to know the people that they will support with their vote so they can make a wise decision.

I thank the people that voted for me as well as the ones that didn't, because they took the time to exercise their right as citizens of the United States.

Gloria Macias Rodriguez
Socorro City Council



After much hard work, Alarcón 5th grade visits Washington

SAN ELIZARIO — The 5th grade student council at Alarcón Elementary School worked throughout the year to raise money for a trip to Washington, D.C. this week. Whether it was by selling snow cones or washing cars, the children — along with the help of dedicated parent volunteers and faculty — raised over \$18,000. Pictured here are, back row from left, Miguel Luna, Juan Galindo, Luis Frias, Alex Aguilar, Irvine Aguirre, Fernie Briseño. Middle row, from left, Careli Ortiz, Selene Rodriguez, Christina De La Cruz, Angela Cortez, Jasmine Rojas, Eddie Ramirez, Joanna Flores, Chanel Maldonado. Front, from left, Stephanie Ruiz, Jose Luis Muñoz, Samantha Delgadillo.

The art of being wise is knowing what to overlook.
— William James

Fabens Independent School District Public Notice

This summer the Fabens Independent School District will be part of the Summer Feeding Service Program (SFSP) through the Texas Department of Human Services providing a **free breakfast and lunch** to all children age 18 and younger. Meals will be served at the **Fabens Middle School Cafeteria**, 800 Walker St. in Fabens, Texas starting June 3, 2002 through June 28, 2002.

TIME

Breakfast 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
Lunch 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

ADULT PRICES

Breakfast \$1.50
Lunch \$2.50

This Summer Food Service Program does not discriminate on the basis of sex, age, color, race, handicap, national origin, religion or political belief. Anyone who believes that they have been discriminated against should write immediately to: Director, Civil Rights Division, MC W-106, Texas Dept. of Human Services, P.O. Box 149030, Austin, Texas 78714-9030 or the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250. NOTE: Discrimination complaints based on religion or political beliefs must be referred **ONLY** to the Director, Civil Rights Division, Texas Dept. of Human Services.

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San Elizario Independent School District Public Notice

The San Elizario ISD announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Service Program. Meals will be provided at the sites listed. People who are eligible to participate in the program must not be discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, religion or political belief. Anyone who believes that they have been discriminated against should write immediately to: Director, Civil Rights Division, MC W-106, Texas Dept. of Human Services, P.O. Box 149030, Austin, Texas 78714-9030 or the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250. NOTE: Discrimination complaints based on religion or political beliefs must be referred *only* to the Director, Civil Rights Division, Texas Dept. of Human Services.

SITE: Alarcon Elementary School Cafeteria
12501 Socorro Road
San Elizario, TX

DATE: June 4 - June 28, 2002; Monday - Friday
TIME: 11:00^{AM} - 1:00^{PM}

SITE: Loya Elementary School Cafeteria
13705 Socorro Road
San Elizario, TX

DATE: June 3 - June 28, 2002; Monday - Friday
TIME: 11:00^{AM} - 1:00^{PM}

Village of Vinton PUBLIC NOTICE

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 20, 2002 during the Planning Commission meeting at Vinton Village Hall, 436 Vinton Rd., Vinton, Texas. Purpose of the public hearing is to allow any interested persons to appear and testify regarding the following proposed items:

- 1) Consider and take action on request by Hobo Enterprises, Inc., 7916 Quejette Road, for rezoning a portion of Tract 5A, Laura E. Mundy Survey No. 233, Village of Vinton, from R-MH, Residential Mobile Home, to M-1, Manufactured;
- 2) Consider and take action to waive platting requirements for a portion of a Tract 5A, Laura E. Mundy Survey No. 233, Village of Vinton, pursuant to §212.0045 Texas Local Government Code;
- 3) Consider and take action on site development application, including waivers, as submitted by Hobo Enterprises, Inc., 7916 Quejette Road, for development of a portion of Tract 5A, Laura E. Mundy Survey No. 233, Village of Vinton.

Those who are unable to attend may submit their views in writing to the Village Clerk of the Village of Vinton.

IRMA RODRIGUEZ
Village Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE COUNTY OF EL PASO

TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The County of El Paso will hold a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 21, 2002, at the El Paso County Courthouse, 500 E. San Antonio Avenue, 3rd Floor, Commissioners' Conference Room, El Paso, Texas 79901. Purpose of the meeting is to discuss the submission of an application to the Office of Rural Community Affairs for a Housing Infrastructure Fund grant under the Texas Community Development Program (TCDP). The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizen participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF) money available, eligible grant-funded activities and the past use of TCDP funds. The City encourages citizens to participate in the development of this TCDP application and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to Rodrigo Mercado, Community Development Director, 500 E. San Antonio, Suite #313, (915) 543-3845. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact El Paso County to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact the County at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

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There's unattractive and then there's just plain ugly

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

It's not always a delightful subject but there are some things on this planet that are less pleasant to look at than others.

What I'm trying to say is that some things are just downright ugly. Don't believe me? Here are some examples.

A hyena is a very ugly animal. In fact a hyena is so ugly you can't help but wonder what the heck could they possibly have to laugh about...I mean, looking the way they do.

How about the old AMC Pacer. Remember that oval-buglike thing on wheels? Someone who went to college actually thought up that ugly thing. I haven't seen a Pacer on the road in years — then again I haven't seen any Stegosaurus either.

And have you ever taken a really good look at Carrot Top. He's the reason I went out and changed my long distance service — to his competitor!

I'm sure you can think of some other unattractive gems of your own but with all the unsightly things going on around us, few can compare with the sheer ugliness of last week's game three between the Boston Celtics and the De-

troit Pistons.

This was, by far, the ugliest NBA game I have ever seen, playoff or otherwise. Talk about two teams that tried their best to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory.

The Celtics won the game by two points but both teams shot so badly that the final score was 66-64. Yes, 66-64! Heck, the halftime score of the Mavericks-Kings game the night before was 66-66.

Both teams did set a record, though. They shattered the record for the least amount of points in the history of the NBA playoffs. The old record was 142 points. Of course, the Celtics and Pistons teamed up for 130.

Wow, I know geeks in high school who scored more times than that.

I'm not sure how the rest of the playoff series is going to go but one thing is for certain — it can't get any worse...at least I don't think so.

Penthouse exposed

Whenever I cover a story the most important rule I follow is to get my facts right at all cost.

A reporter or editor never prints anything if he isn't 100-percent sure its authentic. If you print something that isn't factual you can get

yourself, and the organization you work for, in a lot of trouble.

That's where Penthouse Magazine comes in. A couple weeks ago some dimwit disguised as a seasoned editor printed some photos of a bare breasted Anna Kournikova. You know Kournikova, the tennis star who is known more for her back side than her back hand.

Anyway, seems Penthouse published some photos of a topless Kournikova all over its magazine. Only problem is...the blond beauty in the photos was not Kournikova.

Oops. Now the guys at Penthouse look like a bunch of boobs...sorry, couldn't help it.

The wildest thing about the whole story is watching Penthouse try to explain away the embarrassing situation.

Penthouse said in a statement that they had examined the purported images in "painstaking detail" and received assurances from the photographer before deciding they were genuine.

Painstaking detail! Are you guys kidding me? The only "pain" Penthouse is going to feel is everybody involved in "staking" their claim to a chunk of the magazine's money.

Both women have already filed suit against the magazine. One for being defamed and the other for invasion of privacy.

I think Penthouse should also be sued just

for how far it went beyond the bounds of unadulterated stupidity. And I've researched this idiocy in painstaking detail.

Like father, like son

I may be in my 40's now but I can still remember all the things I used to do with my dad.

We'd play catch together, go on boy scout hikes together and on occasion we'd play golf and go jogging together.

Yeah, doing things with your dad is just about the best thing a young man can experience...unless you're Damon Stoudamire and Damon Stoudamire's dad.

The Portland Trailblazers' guard and his pop were arrested last week for possession of marijuana.

I've heard of family members taking an interest in each other's lives but this is ridiculous.

I wonder what else they share? Maybe they enjoy the same music. Maybe they both enjoy The Doobie Brothers. Or maybe they caught the movie *Traffic* together. Maybe they even share a *Coke-a-cola* once in a while.

Whatever it is, it's just good to see a father and son do things together. Hey! Maybe they're sharing a *pot* of coffee right now.

Transportation needs were major Texas, and land could buy it

History of Texas Public Lands - Part Fourteen

TEXAS — As this historical series on Texas public land continues, early Texas government began using land to finance a statewide transportation system.

Texas had an urgent need for transportation, both over water and land, because it was difficult and costly for farmers to move their products to market on the existing transportation routes. The state granted over 4,000,000 acres for navigation improvements on rivers and harbors. About 584,000 acres were appropriated for irrigation canals and ditches that were at least three miles long. Texas granted nearly 17,000 acres for the building of 16 ships; seven of these were river steamboats of great value to the state. Although overland roads were needed, few people applied for land granted for road construction. Texas also offered land as an incentive for the creation of industries. The state promised 320 acres for every \$1,000 of machinery installed. This land grant had no permanent effect on the long-term economic development of Texas, but 11,360 acres were granted, primarily to wool and cotton producers.

The most important of the grants for the internal improvements were those made to railroad companies. Texans wanted a railroad system because they believed that it would speed development of the state and increase land values. In 1852, the state legislature chartered eight railroad companies; each received eight sections of land for every mile of railroad track, but they also had to survey equal amounts of land. The land given to the railroad companies was to be sold by the end of 12 years.

Some Texans advocated a "state plan" for building railroads. Under this plan, the state itself would build railroads by using public land as collateral in obtaining a loan, then lease the railroads. However, the legislature wanted to use public land to induce private companies to build railroads. In 1854, the General Land Grant Law promised 16 sections — 10,240 acres — for every mile of railroad track built. This land would not be granted until 25 miles of track had been laid. The companies were required to survey the land and would be given the odd-numbered sections, while the state would own the even-numbered sections. Thus,

for each section it received, a railroad company had to survey an adjoining 640 acres for the state. By the time of the Civil War, only 492 miles of railroad had been completed; the Civil War, of course, delayed construction, and there were only 511 miles of track by 1870.

The Texas Constitution of 1869 prohibited land grants to railroads, but the Constitution of 1876 authorized grants of 16 sections for every mile of track laid. The land grant law was repealed in 1882 and Texas did not again provide land as an incentive for building railroads.

By 1880, Texas had more than 3,000 miles of railroad track, an amount that doubled over the next decade. A total of 35,777,038 acres of land, mostly in West Texas, was granted to 43 railroad companies. Later resurveying showed that the companies had received excess land in the amount of 3,623,160 acres which reverted to the state. The railroads sold about 28,000,000 acres of their land, making profits of no more than \$1.50 an acre. The profits weren't any higher than that because of the expense of surveying the land. Also, the railroads were required to sell their land and so weren't able to wait for land prices to increase.

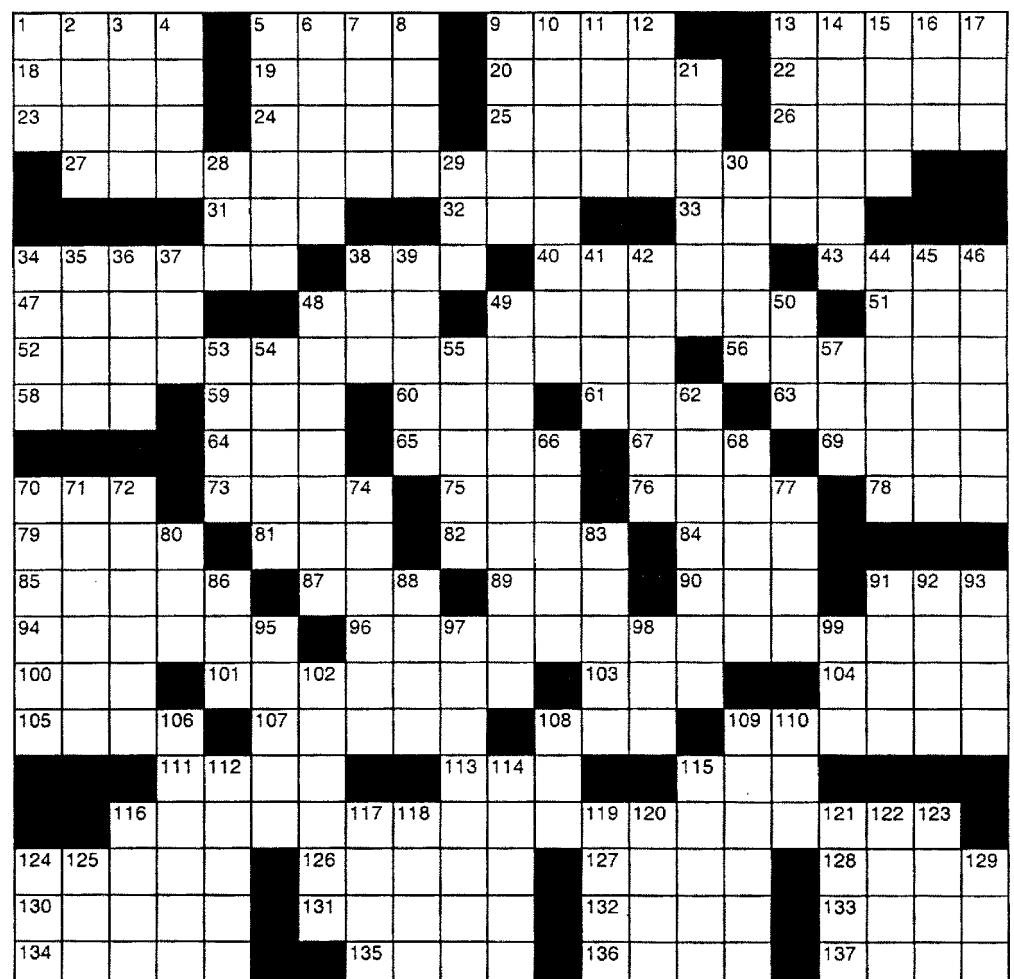
The state received some benefits from the railroad grants, but not as many as had been anticipated. Legislators had hoped that the grants would promote settlement, increase tax revenue, give the state free surveying of its alternate sections, and raise the value of public land. They also wanted the public land, ultimately, to be owned by small landholders rather than speculators. The railroad system probably did increase tax revenue; and the state did receive free surveying of public land, but many of the surveys were so poorly made they had to be redone. Nor did the grants lead to an increase in the value of the public land: the railroad land and the state's alternate sections weren't located along the railroad tracks because that land was already privately owned. The railroads did quickly sell land to private individuals as the legislature had hoped, and railroad grants contributed to the creation of a population of homesteaders.

(Part XV continues next week. The information contained in this historical series can be accessed at www.glo.state.tx.us, and is reprinted with permission of the Texas General Land Office.)

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Answer Page 7



Read this column: It's good for you

By Don Flood

A recent news article promoted the health benefits of laughing, even if you have to force yourself.

So when you read this column — LAUGH! It's good for you!

HA! HA! HA! HA! HA!

See? I feel better already!

But I have concerns. According to the study, kids laugh or smile 400 times a day, as opposed to adults who only laugh or smile 15 times a day.

I think I speak for all adults when I say, "What's so funny?"

Assuming kids sleep nine hours a day — a crazy notion, I know — you're talking about kids yucking it up nearly 27 times a hour.

Not only is life not fair, it's not that funny either.

Ask any of my former teachers.

Any time some kids started laughing — I never indulged in this sort of nonsense — the teacher would be sure to say in the Most Superior Voice Imaginable:

"Oh, I see that Tommy and Bobby have found something amusing. Perhaps you'd like to share it with the class."

(Study question: Where do

teachers get this line, "Irritating Your Students 101"?)

Tommy and Bobby — and yes, these are their real names — did NOT want to share it with the class, since their brand of humor made run-of-mill bathroom jokes seem like "Masterpiece Theatre."

Back then, kids thought they would literally explode if they told these awful jokes to the teacher. Nowadays, of course, they're just part of the morning announcements.

But what about adults who need laughs?

Here is a verbatim transcript of what this dangerous article actually recommended to people:

"FORCE YOURSELF TO LAUGH: Look into the mirror and vow to make the person looking back at you laugh."

This is a bad, bad idea.

First, you're not that funny. Second, you're facing a pretty tough crowd.

You've heard your own jokes, and you still don't tell them right!

And what will your wife think if she sees you standing there talking to the mirror, "Have you heard the one about the traveling salesman?"

WHICH OF COURSE YOU HAVE.

(But hopefully, you won't be trying the old Henny Youngman line: "Take my wife. Please!")

Here are some tips:

TICKLING YOURSELF: I heartily recommend this strategy for those of you who are certified morons. Others may find it more problematic.

Tickling yourself is hard, since it lacks the element of surprise. Doing it in front of the mirror just makes it that much more difficult. (Believe me, I've tried.)

HECKLERS: All comedians face hecklers and hostile crowds.

Don't think you'll be spared just because in this case you also happen to be the audience.

So if your best joke is met with a cold silence, be ready with a snappy follow-up: "Hey, what is this, an audience or a jury?"

It might not get a laugh, but it'll show yourself you're not going to be pushed around either.

If, however, you've given yourself your best material and you're still stinking up the joint, do what they do on TV — get a laugh track.

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Tornillo Independent School District Notice of 2002 Summer Food Services Program

The Tornillo Independent School District announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Service Program. Meals will be provided free of charge to children 18 years of age and younger at the Tornillo I.S.D. High School Cafeteria, 300 Oil Mill Road, Tornillo, Texas. The program will begin May 28, 2002 through June 28, 2002, with breakfast being served from 7:15 A.M. to 8:15 A.M. and lunch being served from 10:45 A.M. to 12:45 P.M., Mondays through Thursdays, and on one Friday, June 28, 2002. Transportation will be available by registering with the Administration Office. Daily menus for the Summer Food Service Program will be available on May 22, 2002.

People who are eligible to participate in the program must not be discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, religion, or political belief. Anyone who believes that they have been discriminated against should write immediately to: Director, Civil Rights Division, MC W-106, Texas Department of Human Services, P.O. Box 149030, Austin, Texas 78714-9030 or the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington D.C. 20250. NOTE: Discrimination complaints based on religion or political beliefs must be referred only to the Director, Civil Rights Division, Texas Department of Human Services.

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Tornillo Da Aviso del Programa de Servicios para Comida en el Verano 2001

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Tornillo anuncia el patrocinio del programa de servicios para comida en el verano. Almuerzo y comida de mediodia seran servidos en la cafeteria de la escuela secundaria del distrito de Tornillo, 300 Oil Mill Road, Tornillo Texas. Los alimentos son gratis para todos los niños de 18 años y menores de edad. El programa comenzara el dia 28 de Mayo y se terminara el 28 de Junio, 2002, y se llevara acabo de Lunes a Jueves unicamente, exopto el Viernes 28 de Junio del 2002 que si se van a proveer los alimentos. El almuerzo se servira de 7:15 a 8:15 a.m. y la comida se va a servir de las 10:45 a.m. hasta la 12:45 p.m. Habra transportacion disponible para personas interesadas, pero deben de inscribirse en la oficina administrativa del distrito y proporsionar su domicilio. Los menus van a estar listos el 22 de Mayo, 2002.

Personas que califiquen para participar en el programa no deberan ser descriminadas por su raza, color, nacionalidad, sexo, edad, incapacitacion, religion, o creencia politica. Cualquier persona que pienze que lo han tratado mal injustamente puede escribir inmediatamente al: Director, Civil Rights Division, MC W-106, Texas Department of Human Services, PO BOX 149030, Austin, Texas, 78714-9030 o Secretary of Agriculture, Washington D.C. 20250, Aviso: Quejas de discriminacion basado a religion o creencia politica deberan ser dirigidas unicamente a el Director, Civil Rights Division, Texas Department of Human Services.

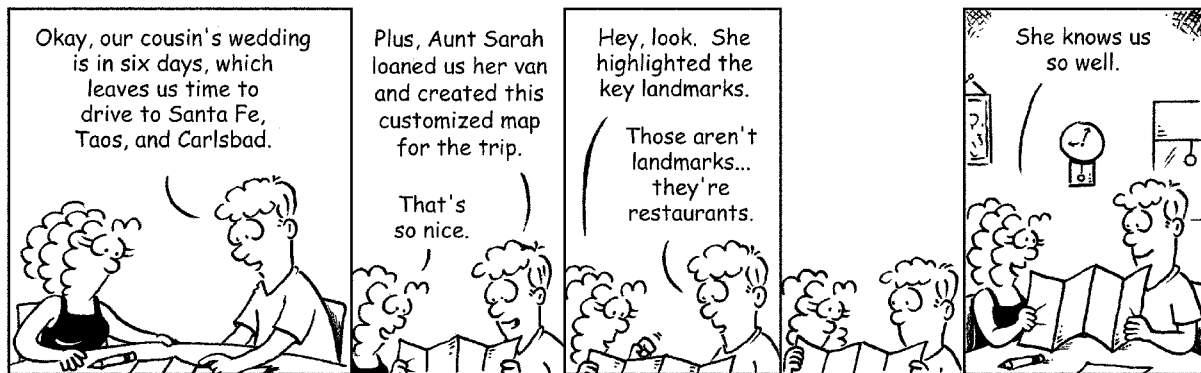
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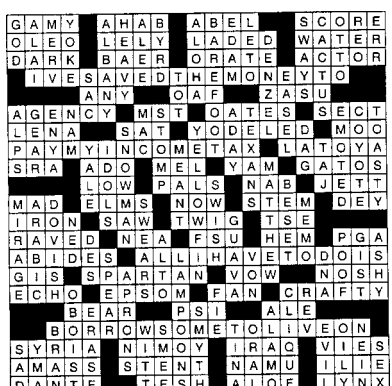
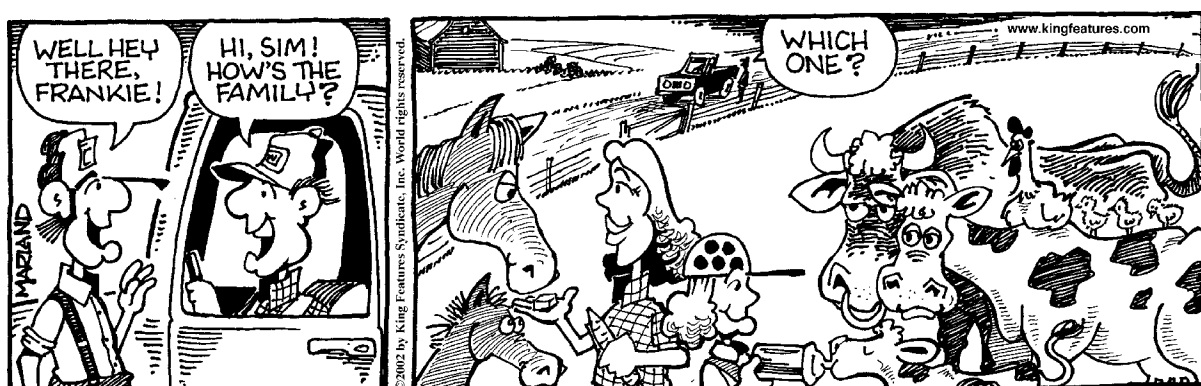
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Social Security: Q & A By Ray Vigil

How can age be proven without a birth certificate to obtain Social Security?

Q: I recently applied for social security benefits but my application was denied, as I did not have a birth certificate. I have contacted the state officials where I was born and they tell me that my birth record was not in file. What can I do in order to qualify for my Social Security Retirement Benefits?

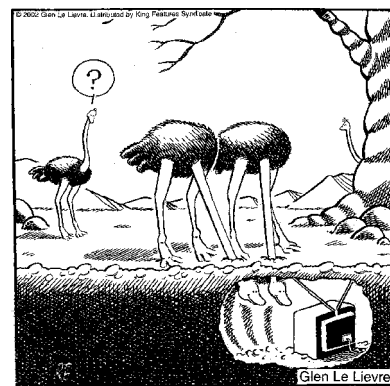
social security benefits, we request preferred evidence of age. Preferred evidence of age is defined to be a public record of your birth, or a baptismal certificate from church officials, that was recorded before your fifth birthday. If you have already received notification from the state officials that a birth certificate is not in file, we need to explore the possibility of a church record. If a religious

record does not exist, as long as we have evidence to support your statement, we can use other documents to establish your date of birth.

Social Security has a list of automatically convincing evidence we can use whenever preferred evidence does not exist. We can use a Family Bible which contains your birth facts and which appears to have been recorded before age 36. A school or school census record that was made before your 21st birthday is also a good document. For older individuals, we can also use the 1910, 1920, 1930 Federal census records. We can also use a domestic or Canadian delayed birth certificate of birth that was recorded prior to your 55th birthday.

You can also contact the Social Security Office in your area to find out what other documents could be considered to establish your date of birth. There is one disadvantage in applying this rule and that is, whenever the document we are using indicates your age rather than a complete date of birth, it often yields a different year of birth for an individual. This is why it is so important that you provide your exact age when a document is being recorded.

For more information on how to safeguard your Social Security number, log onto our website, www.ssa.gov, call our toll-free number at 1-800-772-1213 or visit your local Social Security office. If you have any questions that you would like to have answered, please mail them to the Social Security Office, 1111 Gateway West, Attn: Ray Vigil, El Paso, Texas 79935.



WEATHER

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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR EL PASO

THURSDAY	THUR. NIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
A good deal of sun; breezy and hot.	Partly to mostly cloudy and warm.	Partly sunny and warm.	Warm with intervals of clouds and sun.	Mostly cloudy and warm.	Mainly cloudy and hot.	Sunny and hot.	Hot with sunshine.
▲ 90°	▼ 64°	▲ 90° ▼ 60°	▲ 88° ▼ 60°	▲ 88° ▼ 62°	▲ 90° ▼ 54°	▲ 92° ▼ 52°	▲ 92° ▼ 50°

UV INDEX Statistics for noon.

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

Thursday	10	Very High
Friday	10	Very High
Saturday	10	Very High
Sunday	8	High
Monday	9	Very High
Tuesday	10	Very High
Wednesday	10	Very High

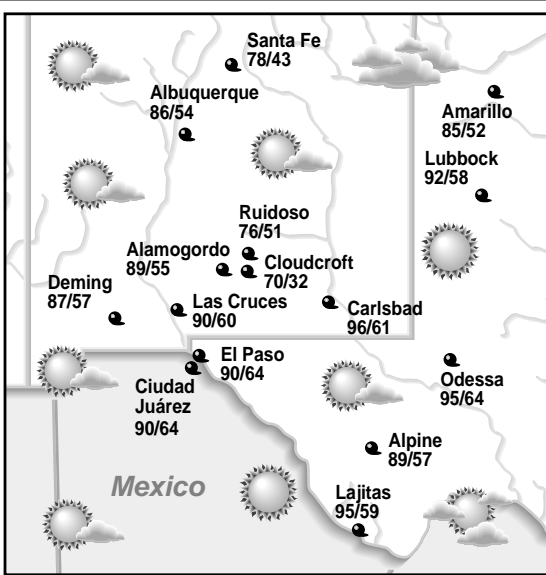
REAL FEEL TEMP™

A composite of the effects of temperature, wind, humidity, sunshine intensity, cloudiness, precipitation, and elevation on the human body.

Thursday	93°
Friday	87°
Saturday	83°
Sunday	88°
Monday	88°
Tuesday	88°
Wednesday	90°

TEXAS WEATHER

Anthony	90	64
Canutillo	91	65
Clint	91	64
E. Montana	90	64
Fabens	91	64
Horizon	91	65
San Elizario	87	62
Socorro	89	63
Tornillo	90	63
Vinton	91	65



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

TRAVELERS CITIES

City	Thur. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W
Albuquerque	86/54/s	84/52/s	84/52/pc	82/52/pc	82/50/pc
Atlanta	82/62/pc	82/62/c	76/56/sh	74/54/s	78/58/s
Atlantic City	80/56/s	74/56/sh	68/50/c	68/50/pc	70/44/s
Austin/San Antonio	90/68/pc	88/66/pc	88/66/c	88/68/c	92/70/c
Baltimore	82/58/s	78/58/c	70/50/c	72/50/pc	74/44/s
Boston	72/54/pc	70/52/sh	64/50/sh	64/48/s	64/40/s
Chicago	68/48/sh	58/42/c	56/40/c	60/40/s	70/44/pc
Dallas/Ft. Worth	88/68/pc	82/64/t	80/64/pc	82/66/c	88/68/c
Denver	66/38/c	64/40/c	72/44/pc	76/46/pc	78/48/pc
Flagstaff	72/34/s	74/35/s	72/36/s	69/36/s	65/27/pc
Houston	88/72/pc	86/74/pc	86/74/c	84/69/c	90/69/c
Kansas City	74/48/t	66/48/pc	70/54/s	78/59/pc	80/66/c
Las Vegas	90/66/s	96/66/s	96/66/s	89/61/s	87/50/s
Miami	86/76/pc	88/76/sh	88/76/pc	88/76/c	87/75/pc
Minneapolis	60/42/sh	58/38/pc	60/40/pc	62/44/s	66/46/pc
New Orleans	88/72/s	88/70/s	84/60/pc	89/64/s	90/68/pc
New York City	78/58/s	72/56/sh	66/50/c	68/52/pc	70/46/s
Philadelphia	80/56/s	76/56/sh	68/50/c	70/50/pc	72/44/s
Phoenix	100/70/s	100/72/s	100/72/s	98/70/s	96/68/s
Portland	72/48/s	62/48/c	62/46/c	62/48/c	62/48/c
San Francisco	66/50/s	62/50/s	58/50/pc	58/50/pc	56/48/c
Seattle	68/46/s	60/44/c	60/46/c	60/46/c	62/48/c
Tucson	96/60/s	98/62/s	98/62/s	96/60/s	94/60/s
Washington, DC	82/60/s	78/58/c	70/52/c	72/52/pc	74/46/s

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

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