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## NEWSBRIEFS

### Ag award

Joseph Ramos, Canutillo High School Senior and Canutillo FFA Chapter member, was presented recently the chapter's highest honor, the DEKALB Agriculture Award sponsored by Monsanto Company. Ramos, the son of Lisa Haneman, received the award for his excellence in academics, leadership and Supervised Agricultural Experience program (SAE). SAE is a work-based learning program where a student applies the concepts learned in the agriculture classrooms. Ramos's program consisted of caring for beef heifers, beef steers, dairy heifers, hogs and goats. Ron Gil is Ramos' agricultural education instructor and FFA advisor at Canutillo High School.



### Pennies for patients

Students from Loya Primary, Sambrano Elementary, Borrego Elementary, Alarcón Elementary and San Elizario Middle School in the San Elizario ISD contributed \$4,671 to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's 6th Annual Pennies For Patients campaign. Pennies For Patients is a three-week in-school fund-raiser and student education program where children from Pre-K through 12th grade learn about money, health issues and good citizenship sponsored by the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Schools in Southern New Mexico and El Paso raised over \$45,000 during the campaign. Next year, San Elizario students would like to raise over \$5,000 to the campaign. "The campaign was a fun way to increase the students' awareness in the community about leukemia and the services the society provides to patients of blood related cancers," said Charlie Guerra, San Elizario ISD's Lead Counselor. Guerra added that all funds raised by the society will remain in the New Mexico/El Paso area. The 7th Annual Pennies For Patients campaign will kick off again in February 2003.

### In other news

■ A support group for caregivers of invalid family members and others will meet in Horizon City on Thursday, June 13 at 3 p.m. at the Church of the Incarnation, 14999 Darrington Rd. The meeting is open to the public and there is no admission charge. Care for persons in the caregivers' charge will be provided by the Church so they may attend. Call 859-5689 or 852-4032 for more information.

■ The Chamizal National Memorial, El Paso's National Park, 800 South San Marcial, is seeking enthusiastic volunteers to join their volunteer program, according to Volunteer Coordinator Fannie Baca. "Volunteers with backgrounds in education, media, marketing and the arts are being sought," Baca said. "Opportunities

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You can win more friends with your ears than with your mouth.

— Quips and Quotes

## Winding road and HCIA led doctor to serve Horizon area

By Don Woodyard  
Courier Staff Writer

HORIZON CITY — A new doctor is coming to Horizon City.

A new doctor is coming to the Sparks addition.

This doctor, who will soon be tending to the medical needs of children in these two communities, is Dr. who comes to the El Paso area from Carlsbad, NM.

Mendoza-Castillo, 46, will open his practice in pediatric medicine on July 16 with dual offices in the Sparks Colonia Centro Comunitario and in Ensor Middle School.

"I don't see this as work," he says. Rather, he views his new practice as "gratifying, rewarding (and) fulfilling.

"I am very excited about being back in El Paso. I look forward to providing medical care for this community. They have told me it would



Rodin Mendoza-Castillo

busy because of the need...a dire need."

Instrumental in bringing in Mendoza-Castillo was Horizon Communities Improvement Assn. (HCIA).

Vincent Murphy, HCIA general manager, said the company took a survey in 1999, the results of which convinced them of the need for medical professionals in the Horizon City area.

Murphy says the arrival of Mendoza-Castillo helps "fill a gap" in medical care. Also, he hopes that it provides an incentive for others like him to follow and set up practices. By doing this he hopes to promote development of the area. Murphy sees HCIA's role in the doctor's arrival as a "facilitator," helping to smooth the way for other medical professionals to move into the Horizon area.

As a facilitator, HCIA is working with a developer to construct a medical office building next to the bank near the corner

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## Canutillo ISD volunteer gives title 'abuelita' fresh meaning

By Alfredo Vasquez  
Special to the Courier

UPPER VALLEY — Anita Hernandez, Foster Grandparent Volunteer at Canutillo Elementary School, was a recipient of the First Annual Senior Citizens Award which was presented recently by the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services, Adult Protective Services Division.

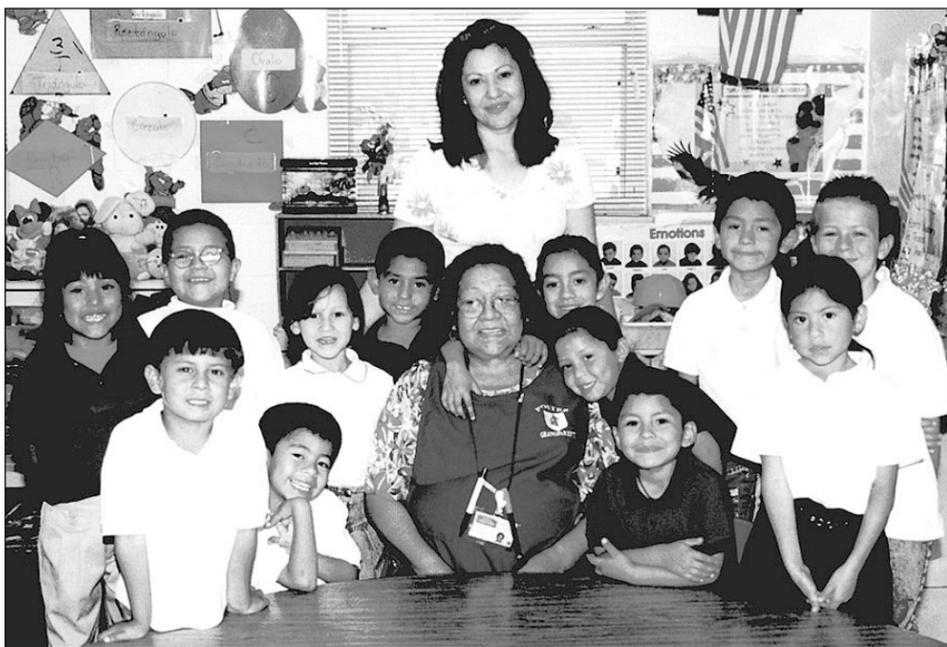
The special recognition was presented to Hernandez for her contributions in making a difference in the Canutillo community through her volunteer work. She has performed volun-

teer service for 17 years with Canutillo Independent School District.

The annual award is designed to honor members of El Paso County who are examples of how senior citizens can be instrumental in promoting and motivating others to do volunteer work in their communities, said a Protective and Regulatory Services spokesperson.

During the past eight years, Hernandez, known as *Abuelita*, or "Grandma," by students and teachers at Canutillo ES, has helped the nurse with students' medical screenings and has assisted teachers with tutoring kindergarten

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GRANDMOTHER TO MANY — Foster Grandparent, *Abuelita* Anita Hernandez (seated in photo), is surrounded by kindergarten students in Argelia Flores' (standing in photo) class.

## Mexican-origin roping steers targeted as Texas loses TB-free status for cattle

WEST TEXAS — Texas livestock health officials are increasing disease surveillance for cattle tuberculosis (TB), and one of the targets is Mexican-origin roping steers.

On June 6, the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) published its "interim rule" that officially downgraded Texas' cattle tuberculosis (TB) status from Accredited-Free to Modified Accredited-Advanced. Texas' status was lowered because TB infection was confirmed in two Texas cattle herds in 2001. Now, unless they are moving directly to slaughter, Texas breeding cattle and bison must be officially

identified and be tested for cattle TB within 60 days prior to being transported across state lines (interstate movement). Untested Texas cattle and bison still can move freely within the state.

Since summer 2001, two of Texas' 153,000 domestic cattle herds have been diagnosed with cattle TB.

"Texas is at a particular risk for cattle TB because, each year, livestock brokers import nearly a million feeder cattle from Mexico, where cattle TB is still a serious problem. A

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## Socorro ISD takes big steps during break

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — The Socorro Independent School District is making major moves during the summer break, with groundbreaking taking place at three new campuses and the consolidation of the prefixes on all district telephone numbers.

The district conducted a massive groundbreaking on June 5, initiating three new campuses to serve the almost 30,000 students who will attend Socorro schools at the beginning of the new school year. Superintendent Don P. Schulte, SISD Board of Trustees President Craig Patton and Asst. Superintendent for Operational Services Mario Aguilar led a procession of media and guests on a hop-scotch bus tour across the East County to inaugurate the new construction.

The new campuses brings the district total to 33, and are expected to open in July of 2003.

Construction in the County on a Pre-K through 5th grade expandable campus was officially begun at Michell Drive in the El Paso Hills community, above Interstate 10 near the Horizon Blvd. exchange, at an expected cost of \$6,900,000.

East El Paso will see two new campuses: a Pre-K through 8th grade campus was begun at 2501 Tierra Este, just east of Joe Battle/Loop 375 and just north of Loop 375's intersection with Montwood Drive. Estimated price tag: \$9,400,000.

The other East El Paso campus is a new high school at 12401 Edgemere, between Loop 375 and Zaragoza Rd., south of Montana. Estimated cost of land and construction is \$228,000,000. The new school will initially open only to grades 7th through 9th, and a new grade will be added each subsequent school year through 12th grade.

Meanwhile, SISD is discarding the familiar 860, 857 and 856 prefixes on district telephone numbers as of June 21.

The new prefix will be 937, to eventually include all district numbers. The Operational/Informational Services; Child Nutrition Services; the print shop and mail room; and the warehouse will be the first departments to use the new prefix. Beginning in July all other departments will begin switching over.

District spokesman Minerva Bauman said the change will give the district the ability to manage about 10,000 phone lines, compared to the 6,000 now in use.

And advisory about the new number will tell callers about the change for three months after it is switched.



## One perspective

By Francis Shrum

# I'll believe it when I see it

It all starts with a ringing phone.

Maybe one of the kids at school or summer activity, husband at work, parent or friend not feeling well. A hundred good reasons to answer it. Only one good reason not to.

It may be a telemarketer.

"Hello?"

"Buenos dias. Habla español?"

"No."

Click.

It's not just at suppertime and it's not just in English. You're likely to be summoned to the telephone — which, theoretically, is a tool you purchase for your convenience — at any hour of the day, in a variety of languages, to be badgered if you can habla or hung up on if you don't.

I'm sure people who speak only Spanish are subjected to the same rude behavior if they don't reply in English to a telemarketer.

Taking the phone off the hook for the half-hour or so you spend at the dinner table is still helpful. But folks who work at home like I do or who otherwise spend a lot of time there know the calls go on 24/7.

Sometimes my daughters answer the phone. A recent call related by Daughter Number Two went something like this.

"Shrum's residence."

"Yes, may I speak with Mr. Shrum?"

"He's not home now, but my mom is. Would you like to speak to her?"

"No."

Click.

No explanation, no apology.

I was raised to believe other human beings deserved courtesy. For years I felt guilty if I refused the fund-raiser or the salesman. Not so anymore. I've

grown a skin a mile thick when it comes to unsolicited phone calls.

"Hello?"

"Hello, ma'am. My name is so-and-so and there is very important information you should know about..."

Click.

And I don't even feel bad anymore.

Texas is one of a few states that have instituted a "No Call List," which, for a minimal fee, you can have your number added to it. This makes it illegal for Texas telemarketers to call your number.

But like all things government, it has had its teeth pulled. For instance:

- You have to pay to go on the list.

- It doesn't even go into effect for two months after you register and becomes invalid after only three years.

- It applies only to Texas telemarketers. Telemarketing companies primarily don't call numbers in the same state where they are located. That New York accent trying to sell you a great deal on a magazine subscription didn't originate in Austin.

- It doesn't apply to non-profit groups, opinion pollsters, political supporters or licensed real estate or insurance agents. That's really going to make a dent in the callers.

Does this sound a little hollow to anybody besides me?

The Texas Attorney General — who is Public Servant Number One unless you really need something — sent me a rah-rah notice the other day that the Federal Trade Commission is following Texas' good example by proposing a centralized national "Do Not Call" registry.

Its noble intent is to "enable consumers to exert greater control over when and whether to receive



"DOES THE NAME REFER TO THE SIZE OF THE JACKPOTS OR THE ODDS AGAINST WINNING?"

telemarketing calls in their homes." Isn't that great?

But I was warned to remember that this is only a proposal and "it will be a while before the national registry can become a reality." Public hearings have to be held first, of course,

because the government is greatly concerned about what the general public thinks.

I was given a long-distance phone number by which I could contact an intellectual-sounding hyphenated name if I wanted to comment.

Sounds almost as good as the daily sales pitches I get over the phone from those other snake-oil salesmen.

And just like those other sales pitches, I only know one way to handle it.

Click.

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

# Death to the death tax

How often do you hear about someone making history? Well, last week, your Congress did just that. On June 6, 2002, the House of Representatives voted to end

one of the most hated and unfair taxes on the books: the death tax. The specific date may fade from our memories, but the changes we made will forever be remembered.

The death tax was a form of double taxation. The government taxes hard-working Americans throughout their lifetimes, and then at the time of death, they are assessed another tax on the value of their property. The last thing a family wants to see after a loved one passes-on is a bill from the Internal Revenue Service.

Bob McCan, a cattle rancher, said it best when speaking about how the death tax would affect him and his family: "Our ranch in Victoria, Texas, has been in my family for five generations, but it would have to be sold if I were to die today just to pay the estate taxes."

And the death tax not only hurts ranchers and farmers, but urban and suburban small businesses. The death tax is wrong in principle. The government makes the death of a loved one a taxable event. Grieving family

members are burdened with paying taxes as well as tending to funeral arrangements.

Currently, the death tax affects one-third of all small business owners. Their families are forced to pay rates as high as 55 to 60 percent on the value of their store, farm or ranch. This is immoral.

The death tax really takes a toll on the savings accumulated over a lifetime by farmers, ranchers and small businesses through their hard work. More than 70 percent of all small businesses do not survive into the second generation and even more don't even make it to the third generation.

Those opposed to the repeal of this unfair tax argue it is a tax break targeted to benefit a few wealthy individuals. But working Texans know better. Repeal of the death tax is about a father or grandfather having the ability to pass on to his children or grandchildren the family farm, family ranch, or family store.

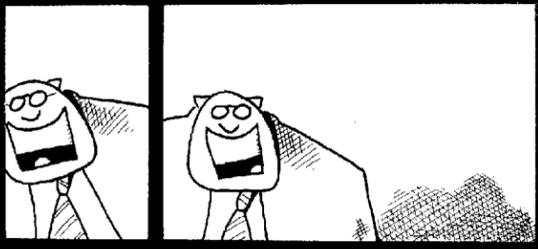
I was proud to be a part of this historic vote. An end to the death tax will bring new life to the American Dream. It will mean that hard work and success are no longer penalized, but are rewarded. It is the right thing for America and Americans.



# AMERICAN CORPORATIONS: MOVING TO OFFSHORE TAX HAVENS!

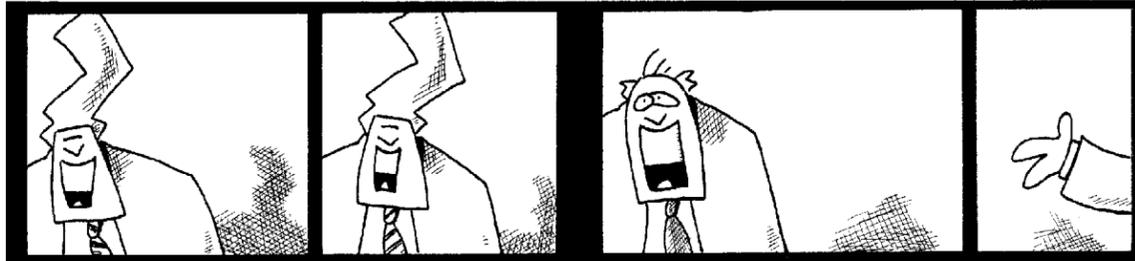
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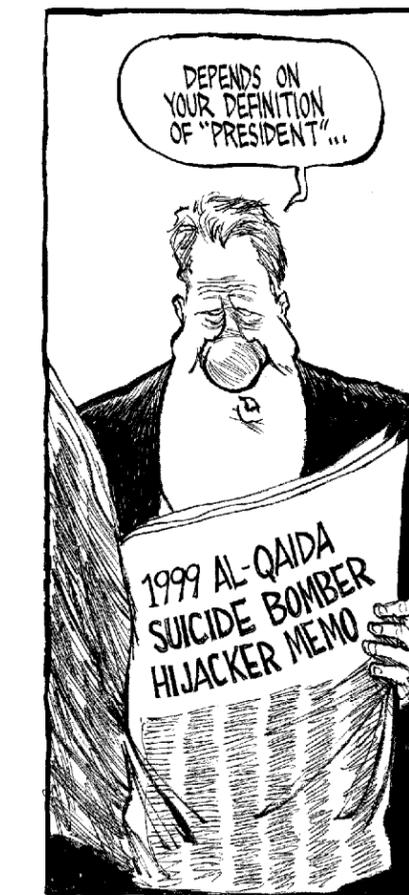
LET OUR WORKERS AND CUSTOMERS PAY ALL THE TAXES, THE CHUMPS! WE'RE OUTTA HERE!



WHAT DID THE PRESIDENT KNOW?



DEPENDS ON YOUR DEFINITION OF "KNOW"...



DEPENDS ON YOUR DEFINITION OF "PRESIDENT"...

## View from here By Jim Munafa

### What makes a hero?

Exactly what makes a hero? Most Americans never looked at that question very seriously...until September 11, 2001, that is. On that fateful day, virtually all Americans, willingly or not, were forced to face it squarely. For "9-11," now shorthand for that calamitous day, gave to this nation and to the many millions around the world, a real place and time, a real pain and suffering, and a real life and death view of true heroes in action. It was truly "blow by blow" at its most disturbing. Like it or not, we saw heroism unfold before our own eyes. Were there any other heroes? Were we, the TV watchers, heroes? And if not, did we become heroes as a result of the tragedy that was playing out in front of us? For many of us, the answer was no. But for many others, including all of those who traveled to New York City to lend a hand, it was yes. Rev. Billy Graham, commemorating the National Day of Prayer, touched upon some of the many acts of heroism spawned by 9-11. "What an example New York and Washington have been to the world these past few days! None of us will ever forget the pictures of our coura-

geous firefighters and police, many of whom have lost friends and colleagues, or the hundreds of people attending or standing patiently in line to donate blood. A tragedy like this could have torn our country apart, but instead it has united us and we've become a family." No one, in my view, and certainly not I, has yet been able to fully capture the implausible blend of brutality with kindness, heroism and love that created the kaleidoscope of September 11. Just watching it on TV, shielded by hundreds or thousands of miles, devastated millions of people. As the drama unfolded, minute by minute, the horror only accelerated as hundreds of the first responding heroes, along with thousands who were still trapped inside the Twin Towers, disappeared from view and were quickly consumed as the towers caved in. Journalist Roger Rosenblatt (PBS Online News Hour), in April of 1996, examined the phenomenon of firemen and women, ordinary folks like you and me, who are able to put all thought of personal safety aside in the face of calamity. After months of

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### Dip your dog and help FFA chapter

By Michelle J. Brown  
Special to the Courier

UPPER VALLEY — Free dog dipping to combat summer fleas and ticks, performed by Coronado High FFA (Future Farmers of America) students, will be held at the Valley Feed PetsBarn, far west location, 5500 N. Desert — I-10's Gateway West — at Redd Road, Saturday, June 22, 2002, from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.. Dips are complimentary but donations will be gratefully accepted to raise funds for the FFA Chapter. Other mammals are also welcome — someone brought goats last year! — but cats are the only exception. The event will give dogs a pest-free summer start and donations will support the students of Coronado FFA, helping them earn funds for their July trip transportation. For more information, contact Amy Crown, Valley Feed/PetsBarn, 915-833-1178.

## Write stuff

**Dear Editor:**  
Over two days, May 24-25, 2002, members of various community organizations and city employees participated in the Horizon City Cleanup Days event. Citizens put on their gloves and caps, grabbed trash bags and began picking up trash along Horizon Blvd, Ashford, Darrington and Eastlake. The combined effort and hard work of the members of these organizations allowed these thoroughfares to look a little better for a while. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Horizon City Lions Club for its help in putting together this event. In addition, I would like to thank members of the Horizon City

Optimist Club and the Horizon City Kiwanis Club; Justice of Peace Pct 6, Ruben Lujan and his community service workers; Mr. Bob Rivenburg of the ISF and his community service workers; community service workers from the County; and Mr. Gentry, Mr. Herrera and students from Carroll T. Welch School. There were even some out of town guests pitching in to help. All of these groups really made a difference! It has been suggested that there is enough trash to repeat this type of event on a regular bi-monthly or quarterly basis. I tend to agree and we will be looking at trying to do this. Let's continue to show pride in our community by embracing a "no trash" attitude.  
**Patricia Randleel  
Mayor, Horizon City**

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### Clint Independent School District PUBLIC NOTICE

A PUBLIC MEETING will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 19, 2002 at Carroll T. Welch Middle School, 14510 McMahan Dr., Horizon City, Texas. The purpose of the public meeting is to allow any interested representative of a non-profit private school or non-profit home school operating in the Clint Independent School District to appear and receive information regarding Schedule Five Federal Grant Applications for their school. The Grant Applications are available through the "No Child Left Behind Act" and address three basic areas:

- Professional Development - providing training to teachers to upgrade teaching skills;
- Supplemental Educational Services - training for students to improve academic skills;
- Safe and Drug Free Schools

Those that are unable to attend the public meeting may submit their questions in writing, by Wednesday, June 19, 2002 at 5:00 p.m., to Clint ISD, P.O. Box 779, Clint, TX 79836 or contact Patricia Avila (915) 849-0773. Accommodations for handicapped persons will be available; handicapped persons in need of special assistance for attending the meeting are encouraged to contact Patricia Avila, forty-eight (48) hours prior to this meeting.  
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**TRUE TEXAS FACTS** by Roger Moore June 8, 1911, the "rain battles" begin in Post. Shots of dynamite are fired into the atmosphere to induce moisture.



# Socorro passes ordinance to regulate disorderly conduct

By Arleen Beard  
Special to the Courier

SOCORRO — Over the past few months, the Socorro City Council has heard from community members reporting that their neighbors engage in activities which create intolerably loud noises.

After extensive investigation, the city administration says it has identified a need to create an ordinance that addresses a generalized code for "Disorderly Conduct."

At the regularly scheduled meeting on June 6, Socorro City Council held a public hearing for an ordinance defining and regulating the disorderly conduct of persons within the municipal limits. Immediately following the public hearing, Council approved the second reading of the ordinance.

Included in the ordinance are prohibitions against assault, battery, fighting or quarreling; use of abusive, obscene, profane, or insulting language; and other disorderly conduct such

as playing loud music.

Complete details of the ordinance are available at Town Hall located at 124 South Horizon Blvd.

In other business, City Attorney Richard Contreras submitted his resignation and it was accepted by Council. Contreras will remain as the City Attorney until Sept. 30, 2002 or until a replacement is found. He graciously expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to have served as the town's legal counsel for many years.

Interest from other attorneys has already been expressed to serve as Socorro's City Attorney, it was reported.

City Council also considered and took action to accept the proposed offer from Martin J. Gutierrez on the purchase of an alley on Melendez Street. The offer for \$2,500 was accepted by City Council.

Council also decided to move the first July meeting to July 2, due to the fact that the regularly scheduled meeting would fall on Independence Day, July 4.



## Jakaboski shows red among the black

LAS CRUCES, N.M. — Only one crimson robe stood out among the 148 graduates receiving degrees from the College of Engineering at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces on May 11 — worn by Juan Carlos Jakaboski, son of Theodore P. Jakaboski of Fabens. Juan was entitled to wear crimson on this occasion because he earned the highest grades among his graduating peers, and garnered two degrees — one in Mechanical Engineering and one in Applied Mathematics. His example should encourage his two younger brothers, Teddy and Adam, who attend Fabens High School.

## Doctor

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of Eastlake and Horizon Blvd. The new building is expected to be finished in early 2003.

HCIA's role as facilitator is also reflected in many letters it sent out to medical professionals throughout the West Texas and New Mexico region asking them about possible relocation to El Paso. Mendoza-Castillo responded to such a letter that he had seen at Del Sol Hospital.

Mendoza-Castillo's roots can be traced to South America. He was born in Barranquilla, Colombia. He came to the United States in 1968 and finished school, coincidentally, in Bogota.

This particular Bogota is not the capital of Colombia, but rather a city in New Jersey. Accent on the second syllable, not the last for the New Jersey city. He graduated in 1974. It was there that he met his future wife Monica who

is also from Barranquilla.

Because his brother was a doctor, Mendoza-Castillo says that was what he wanted also. "That's all I ever saw myself doing."

After high school, he went into the U.S. Navy for six years where he was a hospital corpsman and later a licensed vocational nurse.

He took the next step in his medical career in 1985 when he entered La Salle Medical School in Mexico City. He finished in late 1991. There was a pause in his medical career in the 1990s "when food on the table was a priority." He held medically-related jobs and then subsequently passed the test to certify him to practice medicine in the United States. He began his residency training in 1997 at Texas Tech Medical School in El Paso. He completed his residency program in 2000.

Mendoza-Castillo and his wife live on the west side of El Paso. They have two children, Alex, 20, who will be a junior at Rice University this fall; and Erik, 15, who will be a sophomore at Coronado High School.

## Briefs

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include assisting interpretive staff at the Memorial's outdoor events, such as Music Under the Stars and the Chamizal Festival. Volunteers are also needed to help interpret the history of Chamizal National Memorial to the public and to assist interpretive and theater staff with other duties," she added. For additional information, call 532-7273, extension 101.

■ Cindy Castañeda of Canutillo is a recipient of \$1,500 in college scholarship funds under the Scholarships for Military Children Program. Active in band, National Honor Society, Fellowship of Christian Students, Masque & Gavel, as well as the school newspaper, Cindy is the daughter of Ricardo and Carmen Castaneda. To qualify for the award, she was required to maintain a 3.0 grade average, demonstrate leadership abilities, and participate in voluntary school and community programs. Over 5,100 students applied for the program nationwide.



■ Joan Gil, instructional technology lead teacher for Canutillo Independent School District, will be among the guest presenters at the National Educational Computing Conference (NECC), June 17-19, in San Antonio. Gil will present a workshop to show teachers how to improve their use of technology in the classroom. "It is an honor for a Canutillo ISD teacher to make a presentation at this national teachers computing conference that is expected to attract more than 10,000 educators from around the world," according to Dr. Pam Padilla, CISD Assistant Superintendent or Student Performance. "We share the NECC objective of improving education through the effective use of technology." As Canutillo ISD technology lead teacher, Gil was named Technology Specialist of the Year by the Texas Computer Education As-



sociation and State Teacher of the Year by Teaching and Learning Magazine in 2000.

■ Kathy Ellis, Business Manager for Canutillo Independent School District, was elected president, and Lou Ann Estrada, CISD Accounting Specialist, was elected secretary for the Region 19 Chapter of Texas Association of School Business Officials (TASBO) recently. TASBO is a statewide organization designed to support school finance professionals by offering a variety of services including business managers academy, certification classes, and annual state conferences. Other local TASBO members elected to office were Lucy Holguin, of Tornillo ISD, president-elect; and Nila Newton, of Socorro ISD, treasurer. Performing the installation of officers ceremony was Gwen Santiago, Executive Director for TASBO. The new officers will serve for one year. "Our goal this year is to increase membership participation in local meetings," said Ellis.



Kathy Ellis



Lou Ann Estrada

■ Desert Dwellers Vacation Church School, with Sybil Lopez, will be held June 17-21 at the Church of the Incarnation, 15000 Darrington Rd. in Horizon City. Open to children who will be in grades 1-5 in the next school year, the program has a cost of \$5 per child to cover materials, however, assistance is available. A music program featuring Native American music, drums and hand-crafted instruments will be provided by Lopez, as well as crafts, snacks and story time. Call 852-4171 or 852-3954 for information.

■ Our Lady of the Refuge Fiesta kicks off Saturday, June 29, at La Union Community Park in La Union, New Mexico, featuring a wide variety of food, fund and entertainment with free admission, from 3 p.m. to midnight. Call Espie Sanchez at 505-874-2202 for information — not a long distance call from El Paso.

You never know what is enough unless you know what is more than enough.

— William Blake

## Classified Ads

### LEGAL

As per Article V, Sec. 5.05(a), all owners and lienholders have ten (10) days from this date to reclaim their vehicles at Southwest Wrecker, 1401 Darrington Rd., 855-1900, 851-2091-fax, or it will be sold at public auction for charges:  
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VIN - 6J648138026, Ford LTD, grey, paper plates  
VIN - 2FMDA5144TBA76901, 1996 Ford Windstar van, green, KS - 346728  
VIN - 2G1WNI4TSL920394, 1990 Chevy Lumina, white, CHIH - 484SCN3  
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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 will be accepted at the following times:

**FINANCIAL PLANNING SERVICES**  
**CSP NO.199-0624-0276**  
**MONDAY,**  
**JUNE 24, 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 CSP/proposals

for providing all labor and materials for the construction of the ATHLETIC TRAINING FACILITY, SOCORRO HIGH SCHOOL, will be received at Socorro Independent School District, 12300 Eastlake Drive, El Paso, Texas 79928 until 2 p.m., local time, June 21, 2002, at which time the identity of the respondents will be publicly read aloud.

Bids shall be addressed to Socorro Independent School District, all BIDS must be sealed and clearly marked as follows:

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Bid Deposit is refundable \$150 per set in the form of a cashiers check or certified check payable to Socorro Independent School District.

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*Alcoholicos 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.

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**Hero**

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personal interviews and careful analysis, Rosenblatt concluded that there is no way for firemen, or any other emergency response personnel, to not do their jobs assertively. Whenever the community needs them to put out its fires and save the lives of those in harm's way, they must do so without reservation.

As Rosenblatt explained, "There is no other job which by its nature automatically entails the risk of one's life. Even police and soldiers can have quiet patrols and still be said to do policing and soldiering. But a firefighter, to be a firefighter, goes into fires."

"I think it is the cognizance of fear," the noted journalist continued, "that drives firefighters to put their lives on the line — not their fear, ours. They protect life. They keep the fires away. That is what they do. That is all they do. Until one of them dies, people may forget how exceptional they are. But when the worst comes, we know who these people are and when one of them is killed, we remember who they were in the world."

Many area teachers, heroes in their own right, sought to help themselves and their students deal with the shock of the events and with the phenomenon known as "survivors' guilt." Some had students write letters of thanks to the rescue workers. What follows are several excerpts from local schools.

"...You are the number one role model in every child's life...I want to thank you, not only for doing your job in New York, but for doing your job every day...I have known a firefighter for about eight years...I have always wanted to say thanks

for all the times (he) risked his life to save ours...Even though you know you're putting your life on the line, you still do your job. Thank you...It was extremely brave, what you did in New York, but it is also brave because you always try to save lives everyday."

Mayor Wellington Webb, of Denver, Colorado, was among the first in the nation to understand the devastating impact that the events of September 11, 2001 could have even upon people as far from the scene as Denver. He also thought to provide, and it was in place the following morning, an outlet for Denver area citizens so they could vent their frustrations, so they could feel a part of the healing that was, even then, taking place. He had a web page created so area residents could express themselves directly to those who continued to put their lives on the line in New York City, Washington, DC and in the area around Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

Excerpts from that website tell many stories and offer a great deal of love.

The day and the events that followed brought many heroes and, hopefully, will engender untold numbers more. We all learned a lot about our dangerous world on September 11, 2001, but we also learned new lessons about the undaunted human spirit.

I don't know if the names of all those onboard United Airlines Flight 93 when the passengers of the 757 jet caused it to crash in a Pennsylvania field. They had decided among themselves to choose death, rather than allow the terrorists to kill and injure many thousands.

What I do know is that we all learned an unforgettable lesson in true courage that day.

**Fraud emerges as land runs out**

*History of Texas Public Lands - Part Seventeen*

TEXAS — As this historical perspective of Texas public lands continue, the new Republic finds that the sale of public domain acres lent itself to fraud

In 1876, Texas still had about 56,000,000 acres of unappropriated public domain and 20,000,000 acres of public school land. An influx of Southerners following the Civil War created pressure for new land. The Civil War had also left the state with financial troubles and, to lower its debt, the legislature began to sell the unappropriated public domain and the school lands as quickly as possible — thereby presenting an opportunity for fraud to be practiced on a large scale.

The "fifty cent" act, passed in 1879, provided for the sale of public land in 54 West Texas counties at 50 cents an acre. Because the Constitution of 1876 reserved half of the remaining public land for the Permanent School Fund, half of the proceeds were to go to it and half to pay the public debt. Although a limit of 620 or 640 acres per person was put on this land, speculators managed to avoid this restriction.

In 1895, the legislature passed a school land sales act designed to profit speculators. It gave county boards the authority to classify land, and also reduced the price of agricultural land to \$2 an acre, grazing land to \$1 an acre. Payment could be made in 40 years at a three percent interest rate; purchasers who forfeited their land for non-payment of interest were permitted to repurchase it within 90 days — at a lower interest rate. As a result of this act, the boards often classified all land

as grazing land and sold it to their friends.

In 1897, an act lowered the price of agricultural land to \$1.50 an acre. In consequence, the PSF lost \$12 million. Of about 6 million acres sold, 5 million were forfeited and repurchased. In 1901, a new school land sales act directed the land commissioner to classify all school lands and supply all county clerks with lists of the unsold school land in their counties. They were then allowed to sell up to 2,560 acres to those who would live on the land for three years and make improvements.

Because the policy was "first come, first served" — clerks advertised when the sales would be held — long lines formed at the county clerks' offices and some ranchers sent representatives to file on as much land as possible and keep others out of the line. The "school land rush" lasted until 1905, when the 1901 act was repealed and a law was passed allowing the state to get the highest price possible for school land. This "highest bidder" law provided for the sale or lease of school land to the one who bid highest over the minimum price, set by the land commissioner.

If this act had been passed 30 years earlier, the PSF would have gotten seven or eight times the amount of money it did receive. Perhaps the greatest loss was in timber land. At the time of the 1905 act, only 31,978 of the original 300,000 acres of timber land remained. The rest had been sold as cheaply as agricultural or grazing land.

There were often problems with surveys during the 1886-1905 land boom.

Surveyors sometimes wrote field notes to land they never visited, particularly when locating railroad grants. Demands for speed resulted in carelessness. One method surveyors sometimes used was to tie a rag to a buggy wheel and drive over the boundary lines, counting the revolutions of the wheel it took to arrive at the distance. And their units of measurement could be somewhat informal: "half a day's walk" or "north three cigarettes on a donkey." Most inaccurate surveys were the result of low pay, carelessness, and the threat of danger — Indian attack was still a possibility. Then too, there was so much land available the surveyors didn't feel that more exact surveys were necessary. In rare cases, inaccurate surveys were the result of dishonesty. Whatever the cause, surveys often either overlapped or had vacant areas between them. When the oil boom came in the 20th century, the inaccuracies led to numerous lawsuits and confusion over ownership.

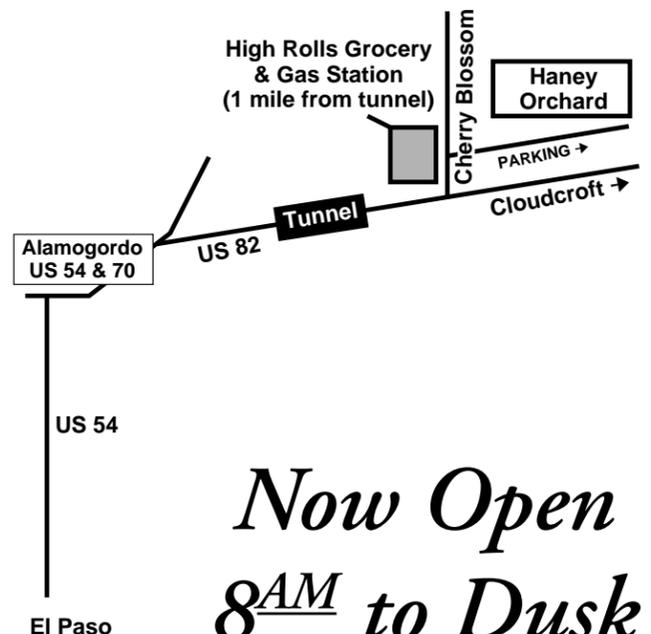
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# 'Baddest man on the planet' goes from 'Iron Mike' to tin man

By Steve Escajeda  
Special to the Courier

The one-word terms describing Mike Tyson before his fight against Lennox Lewis last week were many. Words like ruthless, hostile, vulgar, mean, rude, offensive, crude, nasty, disgusting, insulting, revolting, repulsive, hideous, vile, evil, despicable, appalling, shameful and psychotic quickly come to mind.

But since watching the fight I can add another one-word term... "Not-so-tough-past-his-prime-overrated-overpaid-in-it-just-for-the-money-embarrassing-all-talk-and-no-action-quitter."

Last week's heavyweight championship fight between Lennox Lewis and Mike Tyson was billed by many to possibly be one of the greatest fights of all time.

And it was...possibly the greatest boxing farce of all time.

"Iron Mike," or as I like to call him now — "Mike the Tin Man" Tyson, did a masterful job of defending Lennox Lewis...Tyson blocked almost every jab and massive right hand that Lewis threw — with his face.

What happened to the "baddest" man on Earth? I thought Mike was going to wreak havoc on the city of Memphis. But nothing happened.

I mean Tyson didn't eat anyone's children or stomp on anyone's vital organs or anything.

I guess if Lewis had been a female or a reporter, Tyson would have been much tougher.

I mean, it was like sitting down and expecting to watch that moody T-rex from *Jurassic Park* and getting Barney the purple dinosaur instead.

It was evident from the second round that Tyson was severely outmatched and outclassed. Lewis pounded and bullied Tyson like Tyson had done to so many in the past...and some of those were actually in the ring.

I waited for Tyson to come out like a caged lion after waiting so long for the fight that would put him back in the boxing spotlight. It never happened. Tyson looked like an old fighter that should have hung 'em up after his two losses to Evander Holyfield.

Tyson looked like a 35-year old fighter, slow, apprehensive and awkward.

I have to admit that it was good watching Tyson get pummeled the way he did. I haven't

felt this way about very many people but he deserved it. Maybe now Mike will think before he makes any more vulgar comments about anyone.

When he watches the film of himself on the canvas with his face a bloody mess maybe Tyson will look at what his life and become and maybe...just maybe...he'll have a change of heart...and maybe...he'll look at the world differently... and maybe...

### WHO THE HECK AM I KIDDING?

Tyson got exactly what he wanted and today he is \$20-million richer...for walking into a boxing ring and, well, doing absolutely nothing.

Let's just say I feel no remorse whatsoever for the beating that Mike Tyson — and all the saps that paid \$55 to watch it — took last week.

Everyone already knew that "Mike the Tin Man" Tyson had no heart and no brains but for the first time ever, we learned last week that he also has no courage.

### Lakers vs. Lakers

When the Los Angeles Lakers survived the Sacramento Kings in the Western Conference finals, many gave the New Jersey Nets a slim chance of beating them in the NBA finals.

The truth is the Nets had absolutely no chance of winning. And the reason is evident...Shaquille O'Neal.

Shaq has taken the NBA

playoffs by the throat and hasn't let go yet. The poor Nets have no answer for the seven-foot-four, almost 400-pound basketball-playing monster.

And though the Nets don't have a chance, a person asked me recently how this crop of Lakers would fare against the "Showtime" Lakers of the 1980s or the Wilt Chamberlain-Jerry West-led 33-straight wins team of 1972.

Well, the answer is a pretty easy one — they wouldn't. The Lakers of the '80s had an answer for Shaq and Kobe Bryant. They were Magic Johnson and Kareem Abdul Jabbar.

And although those four players would easily equal each other out, the difference is in the supporting cast. This era's Lakers would have no answer for the likes of James Worthy, Byron Scott, Norm Nixon, A.C. Green, Michael Cooper, Jamal Wilkes and Kurt Rambis.

And in 1972, the Lakers had Chamberlain, who at seven-foot-two, had enough muscle to battle with Shaq. Chamberlain averaged 19.2 rebounds a game that season — Shaq has never even approached that.

The 1972 team also had West and Gail Goodrich who both averaged over 25 points a game. Throw in tough guy Happy Hairston and this Lakers team had too many weapons for the current squad.

Even though this year's Lakers come up short against the Lakers of the past, they're still tops when you compare them to the rest of today's other NBA franchises...and after all, that's all that matters.



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### Area athletes show well at Junior Olympics invitational

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — The No Limits Track Club fielded several successful athletes during the Wings Invitational track meet June 8 at Eastwood High School.

San Elizario's 11-year-old Crystal Collazo ran second in the 800 and 400 meters Midget Division.

Sparks had Brenda Esparza finish fourth in the 100 meter hurdles and fifth in the long jump.

Seven-year-old Frank Mendez won the turbo javelin in his first competition with his teammate, Elias Esparza finishing sixth. They are both sub-bantams competing in the eight-to-ten Bantam Division.

The No Limits Track Club is a community group of children, ages seven to 15, who compete with other larger

teams from this region in the USA Track and Field Junior Olympics.

Donations to cover the cost of uniforms for these budding athletes would be very much appreciated and accepted at 14846 Holden Circle, Horizon City, TX 79928.

The team will compete again on June 28-29 at the UTEP Track Complex. The community is invited to attend.

### Phamiliar phrases "rap on the knuckles"

It was once common for schoolteachers to punish any discipline problems by striking the offending student on the hands with a ruler. The phrase has come to reflect any criticism or backlash for a person's words or deeds.



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## King Super Crossword

- SOUNDS TOUGH!**
- ACROSS**
- 1 Big \_
  - 4 "Stop, sailor!"
  - 9 James of "Misery"
  - 13 Swashbuckling novelist
  - 18 Grand \_ Opry
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  - 24 Mid-size band
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  - 42 Like some sheep
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  - 47 "Waking \_ Devine" (98 film)
  - 49 Wee serving
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  - 54 Circus performer
  - 57 Put on a pedestal
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  - 93 Bank deposit?
  - 94 "Twelfth Night" role
  - 96 Spanish surrealist
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  - 102 Heal a rift
  - 104 Eat in the evening
  - 107 Right \_ the bat
  - 108 A hole near the sole
  - 110 Allude (to)
  - 111 Dundee denial
  - 113 Loud laugh
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  - 115 "Pal Joey" author
  - 116 Boca \_ , FL
  - 117 Maine town
  - 122 Willowy
  - 123 Baseball's Martinez
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# Happy Father's Day to me

By Don Flood

Each year around Father's Day I get a warm feeling when I think about the first time my son called me "Da-Da."

Fortunately, though, it begins to fade once the antacids kick in.

It was a quiet morning some 12 years ago, and I was feeding our beautiful little baby.

Suddenly, he took the bottle from his mouth, looked up at me and said, "Da-Da."

"Yes," I said, very touched. "I am your Da-Da." What a special moment. The first time he called me Da-Da.

It was with a special glow that I took my son and my wife to the zoo that day.

When we got there, I put him in his stroller and again he looked at me and said, "Da-Da."

"That's right," I said. "Da-Da is going to take you to see the animals in the zoo."

The first animals we saw were some big, fat geese. My son looked for a minute, pointed and said, "Da-Da."

"No, that's not your Da-Da. I'm your Da-Da." He wasn't convinced.

Still pointing at the geese, he said, "Da-Da." The fatherly glow was starting to fade.

We pushed on. Next we came to some massive, shaggy buffalo.

Again, of course, my son pointed to the buffalo and

said, "Da-Da."

I was getting frustrated.

"No, that's not your Da-Da. I'm your Da-Da!"

People were starting to look in our direction. Parents steered their children away from us.

My wife had a suggestion. "Maybe he's pointing to that one because he's the Daddy buffalo."

Yeah, well maybe, but the glow was fading fast.

Next to the buffalo was a cage full of capybaras.

Perhaps you don't know what a capybara is, though you might recall seeing a picture of one in the Guinness Book of World Records.

They are listed in that book as the largest rodents in the world, growing up to 250 pounds.

Basically, they're BIG FAT RATS! The world's largest!

And while I'm not an expert on capybara behavior, my understanding is that they spend their day being big ugly rodents and carrying out big ugly rodent activities.

They're just about the most disgusting creatures on the planet, including Bill O'Reilly.

So of course my son points to the capybaras and says, "Da-Da."

Well, I didn't bother correcting him this time, but my fatherly glow was as faded as my high-school jeans.

I never liked going to zoos after that.

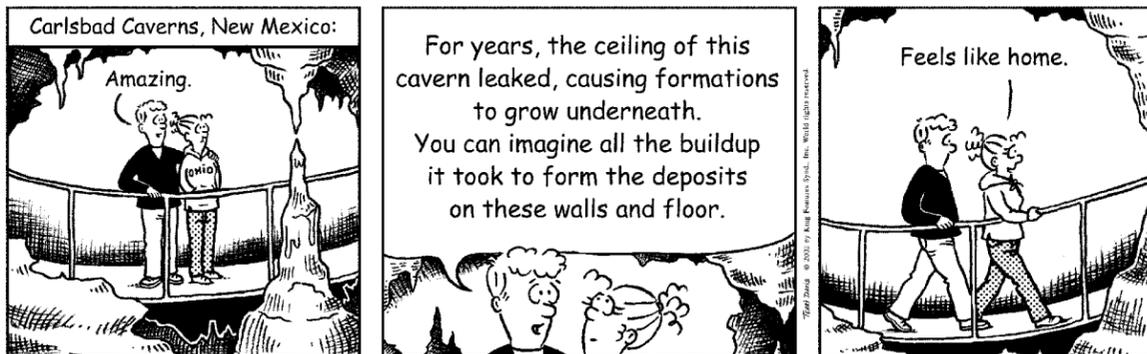
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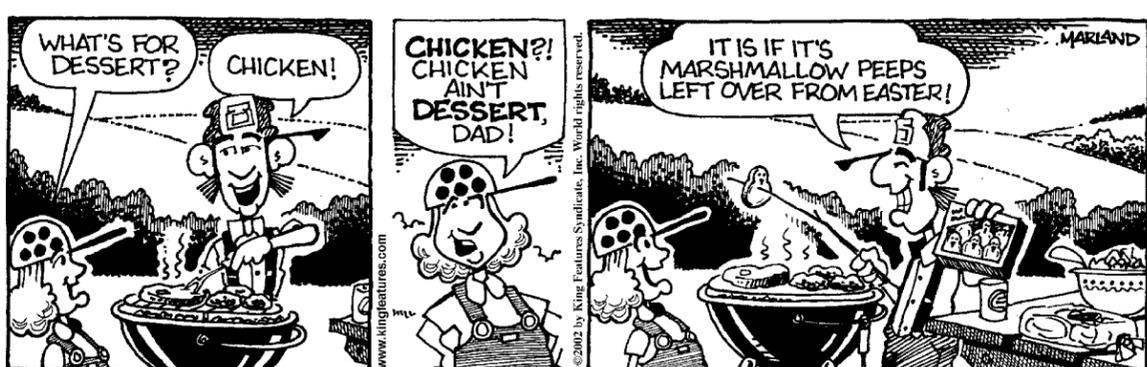
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## TB

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number of these Mexican-origin steers are selected for roping practice, competitions or rodeos. Between events, these animals, which often have a four- to five-year life span, occasionally are co-mingled on pastures with local cattle herds, including calves that may later become Texas feeder cattle," said Dr. Linda Logan, Texas' state veterinarian and executive director for the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC).

Dr. Logan also pointed out that these Mexican-imported roping steers sometimes are in close proximity to dairies, breeding operations and other at-risk animal populations.

"Although Mexican-origin cattle are tested for cattle TB prior to entering Texas, there's always a possibility that the animals were exposed to TB bacteria shortly before importation. In this scenario, the cattle would be incubating infection and not test positive for the disease," she explained. "To reduce this potential risk for disease introduction, we are strictly enforcing TAHC regulations that require Mexican-origin roping steers to undergo a re-test for cattle TB prior to entering competition and annually thereafter."

Dr. Logan explained that the cattle TB skin test must be conducted by an accredited veterinarian, who injects tuberculin into the skin near the animal's tail, in an area called the "caudal fold." The veterinarian examines the site 72 hours later for swelling that might indicate that the animal had been exposed to TB. If

the animal has no response, the accredited veterinarian will provide the owner with a document that can be presented as proof of testing.

If, however, swelling, thickening or a lump is detected on the "caudal fold" test, a second skin test must be run on the animal's neck by a state or regulatory veterinarian. The animal is free to move if this second test, called a "comparative cervical" is negative. A positive response on the "comparative cervical" test, however, is a strong indication the animal may have cattle TB. The animal must be slaughtered and its carcass carefully examined for internal TB lesions. Tissue samples are collected and forwarded to the National Veterinary Services Laboratory (NVSL) in Ames, Iowa for laboratory confirmation.

"We can get our 'free' status reinstated in two years, but only if we find the last of any infection and conduct tight disease surveillance," Dr. Logan said. "We cannot provide 'zero risk' in a global trading environment, but by re-testing and ensuring that imported animals are disease-free, we can reduce disease risks for Texas livestock producers."



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# Abuelita

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children in reading.

"Mrs. Hernandez is licensed to conduct health screenings for children. She helps me conduct annual student screenings including scoliosis, diabetes, vision, hearing, dental, height and weight. She is very helpful, and the kids just love her," said Ida Cajegas, Canutillo Elementary nurse.

"This school year I almost had perfect attendance," said the 62 year-old volunteer. "Some mornings I have a hard time getting up, I am tired or

not feeling well, but I just think of those kids waiting for me at school, and I jump right out of bed and get going," related Hernandez.

Hernandez has had good reasons not to get up sometimes. She has been battling cancer for the past 13 years, she has a plastic liner where her stomach was removed several years ago, and she is a diabetic.

"But if I stay home and worry about my ailments, I just start feeling sorry for myself. I don't want that; I love life too much," Hernandez said.

Argelia Flores, Canutillo Elementary Kindergarten Bilingual teacher, said that Hernandez has a special

rapport with the children in her class, where she tutors students having difficulty learning to read. Many of the students cry when *Abuelita* leaves the classroom, said Flores.

"The students greet me every morning with, 'Hi, Grandma.' That's a big lift for me. Everybodys caring attitude at school makes me feel very happy. I love these kids," Hernandez said.

"I recommend that every grandparent, or senior citizen, get involved in some type of volunteer work because there is always a place that needs a grandparent," Hernandez asserted.

Hernandez, who raised nine chil-

dren of her own, has lived in Canutillo with her husband, Luis Hernandez, most of her life.

"I actually began volunteering in the schools when my children were going to school," she said. "As a matter of fact, I helped establish the first Head Start program in Canutillo back in the 1960s," she recalled.

Her own children are all grown now. Her youngest children are twins Victor and Veronica, who are 29 years of age.

"All of my children went through the Canutillo school system. Today, they are all working and raising families of their own. I am proud of all of them," said Hernandez.



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# WEATHER

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## SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR EL PASO

THURSDAY	THUR. NIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Hot with times of sunshine and clouds.	Mainly cloudy and warm.	Cloudy to partly sunny, breezy later in the day.	More clouds than sunshine.	Partly sunny and hot.	Partial sunshine.	Sunny and very hot.	Very hot with sunshine.
▲ 98°	▼ 70°	▲ 94° ▼ 70°	▲ 94° ▼ 72°	▲ 96° ▼ 70°	▲ 100° ▼ 68°	▲ 98° ▼ 66°	▲ 98° ▼ 66°

### UV INDEX Statistics for noon.

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

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

### REAL FEEL TEMP™

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Thursday	99°
Friday	92°
Saturday	92°
Sunday	95°
Monday	96°
Tuesday	94°
Wednesday	95°

### AGRICULTURE

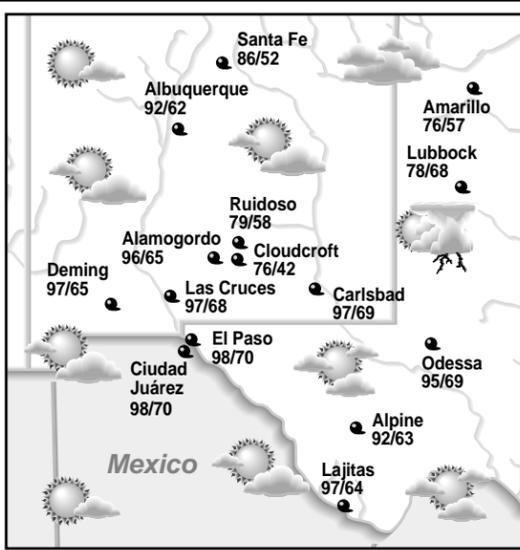
Eight to twelve hours of sunshine are expected each of the next three days. Winds on Thursday will be out of the southeast at 6-12 mph. Friday's winds will be southeast at 10-20 mph. Winds on Saturday are expected to be out of the southeast at 8-16 mph. Dew point temperatures will average in the lower 50s all three days.

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Anthony	98	70
Canutillo	99	71
Clint	98	69
E. Montana	98	70
Fabens	98	70
Horizon	99	71
San Elizario	96	68
Socorro	97	69
Tornillo	98	70
Vinton	99	71

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	92/62/s	90/62/pc	90/62/s	92/62/s	92/60/s
Atlanta	92/70/pc	86/66/t	84/62/pc	84/64/s	84/63/s
Atlantic City	82/64/pc	78/62/t	76/58/sh	78/60/s	76/60/c
Austin/San Antonio	93/71/c	90/68/c	89/69/pc	94/72/pc	96/74/pc
Baltimore	86/66/pc	80/58/t	76/56/pc	78/58/s	78/58/c
Boston	70/54/pc	68/56/sh	68/54/sh	70/56/pc	72/58/pc
Chicago	73/54/pc	68/50/pc	72/54/pc	72/58/t	70/56/pc
Dallas/Ft. Worth	86/70/c	86/68/c	88/68/pc	89/72/pc	89/71/pc
Denver	72/48/pc	78/52/pc	82/52/pc	82/54/pc	84/54/pc
Flagstaff	82/44/s	82/40/s	80/41/s	80/42/s	79/34/s
Houston	94/74/pc	92/70/pc	90/70/t	90/72/c	90/72/s
Kansas City	78/54/pc	76/56/pc	80/58/pc	82/62/pc	84/64/pc
Las Vegas	100/76/s	102/74/s	102/74/s	102/74/s	98/60/s
Miami	90/76/pc	88/76/pc	90/76/t	90/76/t	90/74/pc
Minneapolis	68/48/sh	70/50/pc	74/52/sh	74/54/c	76/56/c
New Orleans	90/75/s	88/75/t	88/72/t	88/72/s	90/71/s
New York City	80/62/pc	76/60/t	74/58/sh	76/60/s	74/62/c
Philadelphia	84/64/pc	78/60/t	76/58/c	78/60/s	76/60/c
Phoenix	108/80/s	108/80/s	106/78/s	106/78/s	106/76/s
Portland	88/60/s	80/54/pc	76/54/pc	72/54/c	70/54/c
San Francisco	62/52/pc	62/52/pc	64/54/pc	66/54/pc	66/54/pc
Seattle	82/54/s	76/52/pc	72/52/pc	68/52/c	68/52/sh
Tucson	105/72/s	105/72/s	103/72/s	103/70/s	105/70/s
Washington, DC	88/68/pc	82/64/t	78/60/pc	80/62/s	80/62/c

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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