



NEWSBRIEFS

Chance to cleanup

Illegal dumping and other environmental crimes are a real problem in El Paso County. In addition to being ugly the cost of clean-up is very high. Most illegal dumping can be associated with a variety of health hazards. Crime Stoppers of El Paso is taking the initiative to encourage area residents to know what illegal dumping entails and to reward those who report the crime. Illegal dumping is committed when a person transports, receives, or disposes or allows the disposal of litter and waste at a place that is not an approved solid waste site. This includes dumping on public or private land or even in someone else's trash receptacle. Polluting the water supply or outdoor burning without a permit is also a crime. Burning tires, carpet, rubber, furniture, appliances or oil is illegal. If you suspect someone of committing a crime of this nature, Crime Stoppers wants to hear from you at 566-TIPS (8477). If the information you provide leads to an arrest, a cash reward of up to \$1,000 will be given. Informants remain anonymous.

Former LVWD president arrested

The former Lower Valley Water District board president accused of spending thousands of tax dollars on personal entertainment was arrested last month by the FBI and charged with misapplication of fiduciary property and theft. The indictment of Richard Sparks, age listed at 54, alleges that he charged tens of thousands of dollars on LVWD credit cards about four years ago for strip clubs and hotels. The credit cards were intended for LVWD expenses only. Officials said that Sparks has reimbursed the district about \$45,700, but did not say if he still owed the district. Also implicated in the arrest was former LVWD general manager Manny Macias who is listed as a "co-conspirator" with Sparks. However, Macias had not yet been indicted at the time of Sparks arrest. Sparks was indicted by a grand jury on Jan. 29, 2003 on two counts of misapplication of fiduciary property over \$20,000 and theft over \$20,000, both third-degree felonies punishable by two to 20 years in prison and fines of up to \$10,000. The LVWD serves the Lower Valley communities of Socorro, San Elizario, Sparks and Clint, and has been responsible for bringing first-time connection to community water and sewer service to most of the communities over the past 20 years.

In other news

■ Marine Corps Pvt. Ricardo Tapia, son of L. and J. Tapia of San Elizario recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego. Tapia

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The nicest looking car in the parking lot is the one pulling out of the space you want.

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Clint Lady Lions are co-champs

CLINT — The Clint Lady Lions Girls Varsity Basketball team posed for a photo after their victory over the Riverside Lady Rangers. The two teams tied for first place in District 2-4A and were District Co-Champions. Clint received the number one seed for the playoffs with the 44-40 win over the Rangers. Lion team members are shown from left, back row: Gilda Victorino, Jeanette Britton, Sarah Gonzales, Nancy Almanza, Rachael Miller, Hilary James, Selena Moreno and Korina Cardona; and front row: Roseanne Esparza, Tara Black, Alba Esparza and Jessica Jimenez. Head coach is John Wilson, assistant coaches are Glenn White and Amanda Wagner.

Texas Rangers, Odessa Police seeking child abductor

EL PASO COUNTY — Texas Rangers and the Odessa Police Department are seeking a man wanted on three counts of aggravated kidnapping of young girls. Juan Ramon Morales, 30, had been arrested on Jan. 1 for the aggravated kidnapping of a seven-year-old girl from her church in Odessa. He was released on Jan. 2 on \$50,000 bond.



Juan Ramon Morales

Biological evidence that had been obtained during the investigation of the aggravated kidnapping in January matched evidence from the abduction of two five-year-old twin girls in July of 2002. Two additional aggravated kidnapping charges were filed against Morales and an Ector County judge issued a warrant for Morales's arrest.

Morales is believed to be driving a 1990 Chevrolet pickup truck with Texas license plate PL-7200. He is five feet, nine inches tall and weighs 190 pounds. He has black hair, brown eyes and tattoos on each shoulder.

Morales also is known by these aliases: Juan Cerna, Juan Rodriguez, Juan Rodriguez, Juan Ramon Subia or Juan Ramon Morales Rodriguez. Anyone with information about Morales's location should call their local law enforcement agency.

Physicians say border patients depend heavily on Medicaid and CHIP

AUSTIN — The Border Health Caucus is applauding the work of the Mexican American Legislative Caucus and the Senate Hispanic Research Council for pointing out the disproportionate and drastic affect cuts in state health care services will have on the poor, the elderly, and those with disabilities, especially along the Texas-Mexico border.

The Border Health Caucus represents approximately 10,000 Texas physicians in county medical societies from El Paso to Brownsville and in San Antonio and Corpus Christi.

"Border physicians are very disturbed by recommendations to eliminate coverage for thousands of Texans," said Border Health Caucus Chair Dionicio "Manny" Alvarez, MD, in a letter to Senate Finance Committee Chair Teel Bivins.

Dr. Alvarez is a nephrologist in El Paso. "Border Texans rely more heavily on publicly financed health care than other Texans. The highest uninsured rates in the state are along the Upper Rio Grande Valley and in South Texas.

"Without Medicaid or CHIP coverage, more border Texans will turn to emergency rooms for their medical care. They will be sicker when they seek health care, and emergency room care is far more costly than care provided in a physician's office. The burden of paying for this more costly care will fall to local governments along the border and in South Texas, while leaving a stack of federal funds behind in Washington. Businesses will close and these same health

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Montwood report finds everybody a little at fault

Courier Staff Reports

EL PASO COUNTY — A six-member fact-finding committee appointed by Socorro Independent School District's interim superintendent Mario Aguilar to investigate the protest/riot incident at Montwood High School on Jan. 29 issued their findings to the media on Saturday, March 1.

The committee was chaired by Dr. Gary Brooks, an administrator at UTEP and professor of Educational Leadership, who has coordinated the complaint and grievance procedure for the Socorro District since 1996.

Other committee members included Mack Quintana, publisher of the El Paso Times; Rosa Guerrero, parent volunteer; Vanessa Duran, Americas High School Student Body President; Dr. Robin Hughes, UTEP professor; and J.R. Grijalva, Chief of Police of the El Paso Community College.

The report basically found that the Socorro ISD administration, the Montwood High school administration, some teachers, and the participating students were to blame for the incident. Surprisingly, however, the 100 or so El Paso Police officers involved, who early on were alleged to have "over-reacted," were found to have acted professionally for the most part.

The protest was initiated after Socorro ISD administration announced that "block-scheduling" would be implemented at Montwood High School. Many students, parents and teachers have said they were not given opportunity to have input into the decision which will result in somewhat longer school days. On Jan. 29 many students walked out of class in protest.

The report finds fault with the SISD administration for failure to adequately communicate with all groups associated with the Montwood campus before implementing a major change in policy.

Students were faulted for violating school rules by walking out of class during instruction time, and especially for cursing and behaving in an aggressive fashion toward school officials and police when told to return to class.

Fault was found with the Montwood administration for failure to warn students that a walkout was in violation of school rules.

Fault was also found with some teachers who are alleged to have encouraged the walk-out.

The committee had a variety of recommendations to prevent a similar occurrence in the future, such as providing training for campus administrators and SISD security personnel in the handling of student protest, including when pepper spray should and should not be used; improving communication between district administration and the campus level groups when it comes to implementation of major policy shifts; and documenting

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One perspective

By Francis Shrum

This old man

He didn't used to live with me.

He used to live with other people who love animals. But in the sometimes circuitous happenstance of human coincidence he came to live in my house.

He lives here because a child loves and needs him. And I love that child.

He gets away with all kinds of things I never thought I would allow.

Coming through the living room this evening it struck me like a bolt of lightning. Here is this stinky old yellow tom cat draped like a kingly robe over my white leather chair in the living room.

He's been there for several weeks now and my only consolation is that there is a hefty old Mexican blanket between him and the furniture.

When I was a kid I used to read the books by Beverly Cleary about a kid named Ramona. Nowadays my kids read them. In these books, Ramona had a cat named Picky-Picky.

There was nothing attractive about this cat that I could discern. He was nonchalant, probably smelled a little bad, and didn't want to eat the cat fare that he was given. He liked people food.

Well, Ol' Picky-Picky has come to live at my house, only he has a different name.

The other night we were expecting some company to drop by for a few minutes, a sort of formal friendly call. I looked at that ugly blanket shielding my leather chair from the nether regions of the cat and decided it would stay right there, no matter how many explanations needed to be made.

This old cat, now in his 15th year of life, had been an acquaintance of mine since his birth. In his early years he lived with my employer, albeit he

was often in the same office where I attempted to work on a computer. This young tom, at the time, decided my keyboard was the most fun place to play, especially when I had just typed in something sensitive — and hadn't pressed the "save" key.

As time went by, I would periodically visit his owners, watching his sleek strong body thicken into an impressive stomach that almost dragged the ground. He used to love to sit on his master's stomach, kneading away with his front paws that had long ago been stripped of ferocity by the removal of his claws.

Now, by this odd stroke of fate, he lives at my house.

He saunters through here like he owns it. He is always underfoot, especially in my microscopic kitchen while I'm trying to get supper on. His favorite place to stand is where you need to stand. He never wants out unless he is in, or in unless he is out, and this presto-change-o takes place after only a few moments. Sans a kitty-door, this can equal something of a workout — not for me because I just ignore him, but the kids slide that back door for him like doormen at a fancy hotel.

He loves to sniff and slide through the gatherings while I sweep, scattering the kitty fuzz I just swept up.

He's been known to miss the litter box.

His old hind quarters are shrunken now with age, and he couldn't jump the back fence even if he wanted to, which he doesn't. Still he moves through my house with all the majesty of ownership, complaining at the garage door if he gets shut off from litter box and food bowl.

If he is left outside a bedroom at night, he yowls like something

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(ANYTHING BUT A SMOKING GUN)

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Por la Gente By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

Successful community meeting to be the first of many in El Paso County

Hola mi gente — I'm very pleased to report that our community meeting held at Margarita's Restaurant on Saturday, March 1, was a rousing success. More than 70 people attended what will be a regular monthly meeting — I will move the meeting to different venues within District 75.

I addressed the community about the most pertinent issues on which we are working, including the Robin Hood Bill, CHIPs future funding, Medicaid future funding, MH/MR concerns, and Health and Human Resources issues. A representative from the City of El Paso discussed the Regional Intermodal Rail Project that will cross through San Elizario, and other parts of our district 75. We had as honored guests County Commissioner Miguel Teran, Victor Flores, El Paso County Tax Assessor-Collector, and my very dear wife, Gracie Quintanilla — newly appointed to the EPCC Board of Trustees.

I also want to let you know that we are garnering some success in getting the Texas House to hear arguments regarding Speaking Rock Casino. As you know, the Tigua Tribe in El Paso has fought long and hard to maintain their Casino operations. Conversely, I have signed on as a supporter of a bill that would allow them to keep the Casino open. House Bill 809 places the responsibility squarely on our shoulders as we mull over a decision that would allow the Tiguas, and the Alabama-Coushatta tribe in East Texas, to keep their casino operations going.

This rather contentious piece of legislation faces a tough battle, as many House members continue to express a reluctance to allow these two Indian tribes the right to operate casino gambling on their respective reservations. However, thanks to Rep. Terry Keel, a Republican from Austin, and co-sponsor Norma Chavez, a Democrat from El Paso, the bill will be heard.

Personally, I feel that the Tiguas

deserve to continue operating their casino. It has rapidly become their main means of survival. The casino generated some \$60 million per year for what used to be one of the poorest ethnic groups in Texas. Immediately after Speaking Rock was opened, the Tiguas financial fortunes took a turn for the better.

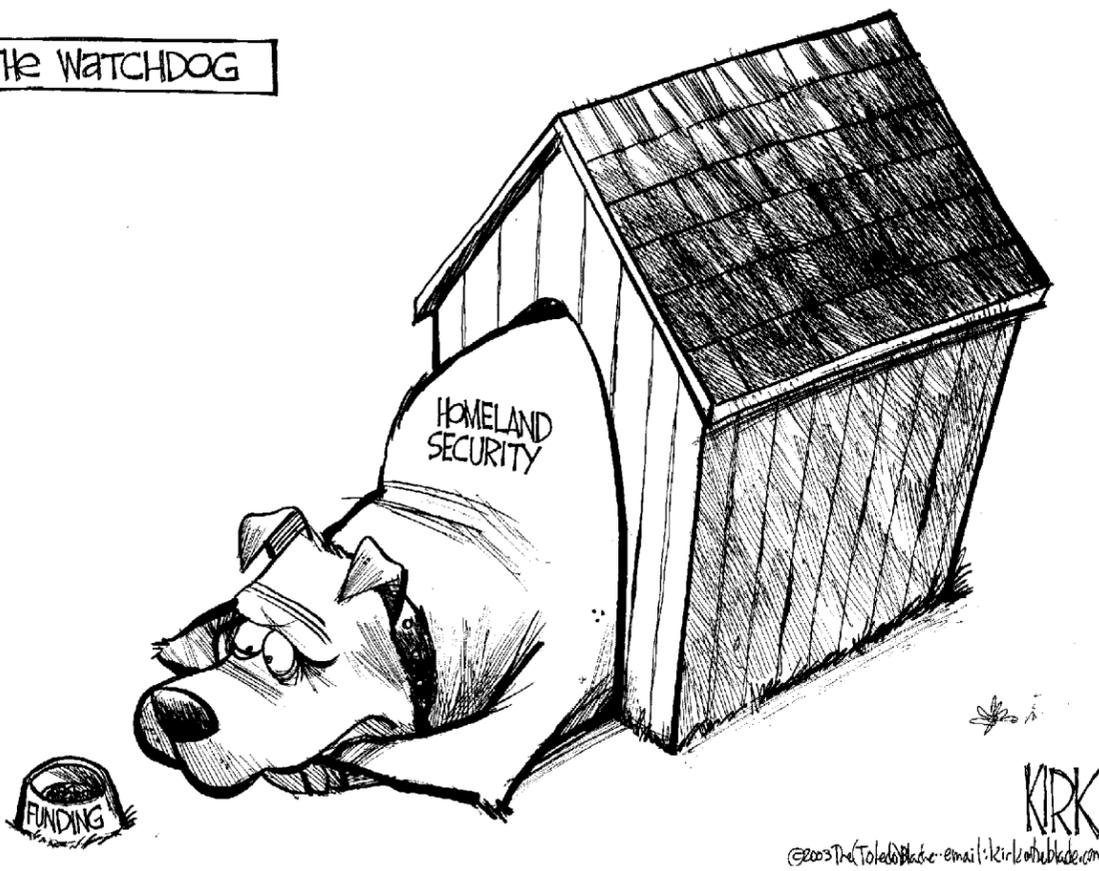
On another front, I am happy to report that I have been assigned to the County Affairs Committee — an appointment that I feel positive will allow me to place as top priorities issues that impact on El Paso County. There are many areas in our County that deserve attention, such as the lack of infrastructure, the lack of health care, and the lack of educational opportunities. El Paso County continues to be one of the poorest in Texas, and one in which its residents deserve a better way of life.

The County Affairs Committee consists of nine members with jurisdiction pertaining to such issues as

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THE WATCHDOG



Reyes Reports

By U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes

Costs daunting for Iraqi war and peace

The talk on The Hill now is not so much when or if U.S.-led forces will attack Iraq. With equal seriousness and urgency, the question on everyone's mind is: How much will it all cost?

The numbers getting the most ink are between \$65 billion and \$95 billion. (There's understandable hesitation to peg the upper end at an even \$100 billion.) And, nobody is sure that once it is all spent and the repairs and wreckage are handed over for Iraqi democratic governance that the outlay for such a turn-key operation is even imaginable.

Such a war, all the moral imperatives aside for a moment, with this kind of outlay comes at a time when the Administration is nudging Congress for a \$637 billion tax cut over the next 10 years.

Remember that "giant sucking sound" someone was trying to turn into a campaign sound-byte a few years ago? Well, it's back and beginning to sound more and more like the deficit, which budget-wise tentatively fell to more than \$300 billion this fiscal year. But the year-end bottom may be deeper.

Congress isn't exactly giddy about having to settle for being between the rock and a hard place to sort out which domestic and economic programs won't fly if boxed in by Administration demands for a tax cut to revive the economy — no matter what! The lines are forming on both sides of the aisle to ask the same question.

A tax cut OR a war? Nobody can guarantee both are affordable now.

On the same note, it was hard *not* to notice the drastic internal differences in what it's going to cost to put Iraq back together again after a suc-

cessful military operation.

Cost estimates on winning the permanent peace in the Persian Gulf and keeping it carry a variety of price tags.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld's strategies and costs didn't jibe with Gen. Eric Shinseki, after the Army's chief of staff opined that "several hundred thousand soldiers" would be needed overall to prosecute the war and its stabilizing sequel.

Rumsfeld says that estimate is high — without offering his tally.

The Secretary predicts there will be many variables, involving postwar troop requirements.

Pentagon planners have reassured consistently that American troops will not shoulder the whole job of postwar occupation with Rumsfeld saying recently that several allies are committed to providing troops in the postwar period. Pentagon planners say between 45,000 to 60,000 U.S. troops could be used the first two years. Such an involvement by numbers equivalent to up to three divisions out of the Army's 10 active-duty divisions would be strenuous, to say the least.

And how credible is that kind of estimate when adding it on top of troop commitments in Korea, Kosovo, Bosnia, Afghanistan and elsewhere?

Private think-tanks and the Army's own forecasters appear to be settling on an American troop presence between 15,000 to 60,000 in a total international force of up to 250,000 during the first year.

Tougher prospects to swallow include the obvious probability that the Administration is playing down the costs all the way around and will unfurl a \$100 million emergency request for Congress to pass in the days just ahead.

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

The glory of Texas

Last Sunday marked a special occasion for our great state. It was the anniversary of our state's independence from Mexico. On March 2, 1836 a convention of 54 men met in the small settlement of Washington-on-the-Brazos to sign the Texas Declaration of Independence.

The Texas Declaration of Independence was produced, literally, overnight. Its urgency was paramount. While the founding fathers of Texas prepared the document, the Alamo in San Antonio was under siege by Santa Anna's army of Mexico. In near-freezing weather, in an unfinished building, the convention voted in the early morning hours of March 2nd to unanimously accept the resolution. Ultimately, 58 members signed the document. And thus was born the Republic of Texas.

The declaration sent a sign to Mexico that Texans would no longer live under what many of them regarded as a tyrannical rule from a distant source. It was testimony that Texans were ready and willing to fight for their freedom. And fight they did.

Four days after signing the document, William Barret Travis and 184 brave men concluded their gruesome battle against more than 5,000 Mexican troops. The odds were against the Texas volunteers, but they were determined to stay the course and fight until the end. When the battle was over, only 15 people — mostly women and children — were spared. Familiar names like Davey Crockett, James Bowie and Juan Badillo lost their lives

that fateful day. These brave souls did not give their lives in vain. The casualties that the Texas forces mounted against Mexico, and the time lost in reducing the Alamo, cut short Mexico's campaign. It gave Sam Houston just enough time to perfect his plans for the defense of Texas and enabled him to win the Battle of San Jacinto on April 21, 1836. This victory spelled final freedom for Texas.

In the saga of Texas history, there is no period as distinctive as Texas' struggle for independence. The period's heroes are remembered in the names of cities and towns, streets, plazas and public buildings. The Lone Star flag, inherited from the original Texas Republic, still flies proudly throughout our state.

I'd like to leave you with a quote by Sam Houston just before the Battle of San Jacinto.

"We view ourselves on the eve of battle. We are nerved for the contest, and must conquer or perish. It is vain to look for present aid: none is at hand. We must now act or abandon all hope! Rally to the standard, and be no longer the scoff of mercenary tongues! Be men, be free men, that your children may bless their father's name."

Texas Independence Day is an occasion for all Texans to stand proud and remember the men who stood up for their rights and fought for their freedom.

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TRUE TEXAS FACTS by Roger Moore March 5, 1938 Gene Howe, editor of the Amarillo Globe-News, comes up with National Mother-in-Law Day to appease his own mother-in-law.



Make the resolution to stop smoking come true

Each January, many Americans make the decision to quit smoking cigarettes. Making this decision is an important first step. However, nicotine is highly addictive; the body becomes physically and psychologically dependent on it, making smoking a difficult addiction to overcome. A successful quitting strategy usually combines some form of medicine, an alteration in behavior and emotional support.

"The most important ingredient in successful smoking cessation is for the individual smoker to make a personal decision to stop smoking in order to avoid the risks to future health," says Frederic Grannis, M.D., a lung cancer specialist at City of Hope Cancer Center in Los Angeles. "Having said that, it must be understood that it is very hard to stop smoking. The smoker is addicted to nicotine and also has a complex behavior pattern and habit of smoking. Although some people can quit 'cold turkey,' without any help, most people fail on their own and need help."

Here are some recommendations from the American Cancer Society to help you understand the difficulties of quitting smoking and plan a strategy for keeping this important resolution and improving your health.

When people quit smoking the body reacts to the absence of nicotine, and smokers have withdrawal symptoms

that are uncomfortable though they are temporary. These symptoms include depression, feelings of frustration or anger, irritability, difficulty sleeping, restlessness, headaches, tiredness and increased appetite.

Nicotine substitutes and prescription oral medicines, such as bupropion, can help ease withdrawal symptoms. Nicotine substitutes work by replacing cigarettes with a cleaner, lower dose of nicotine, helping to ease physical symptoms so you can focus on the psychological aspect of quitting. There are many types of nicotine replacements including nicotine patches, nicotine gum, nicotine nasal spray, nicotine inhalers and nicotine lozenges. Bupropion, more commonly known as Zyban®, is a prescription antidepressant that also helps reduce these symptoms.

Once the physical symptoms of quitting are under control, it is time to focus on the psychological challenge of quitting. For many people, smoking is linked to daily activities such as waking up, eating a meal, watching TV or drinking coffee, a situation that causes people to crave cigarettes even though they are using medicine to treat physical symptoms. To cope with the psychological difficulties, it is necessary alter your behavior.

"For example, if you usually have a cigarette when you drink coffee, try

taking a brisk walk instead of a coffee break, or consider drinking water or juice instead of coffee," suggests Dr. Grannis.

When confronting the psychological difficulties associated with smoking keep the following suggestions in mind:

- Get rid of smoking related items such as lighters and ashtrays.
 - Let your friends and family know you are quitting so that you have a strong support system, or consider attending a smoking cessation class.
 - Avoid people and places where you are tempted to smoke until you are more confident about your ability to avoid the temptation.
 - Alter habits to perform activities that you don't associate with smoking.
 - Try alternatives such as chewing gum, hard candy or sunflower seeds.
 - Find ways to keep your hands busy to distract you from the urge to smoke.
- Quitting smoking is difficult, but 46 million Americans have successfully quit and so can you. The key is planning ahead and knowing what you are going to do instead of smoking when you have the urge.

To learn more about lung cancer research and treatment at City of Hope Cancer Center in Los Angeles call 1-800-826-HOPE or visit www.cityofhope.org.

— Contributed by Meredith Williams

Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

Q: I'm confused. A friend told me I need 40 quarters from Social Security to collect retirement benefits. But then another friend said 10 years of work is required. Who's right?

A: They both are, because 40 so-called "quarters" and 10 years of work are roughly the same thing. In 2003, you get one Social Security credit for each \$890 you earn. (You, and many Americans, still call them "quarters" because for many years they were assigned on a calendar quarter basis.) No one earns more than four credits each year. So Bill Gates gets four credits per year and so do you and any other worker making more than \$3,560 in 2003. And the law says you need 40 credits to be eligible for Social Security retirement benefits. Anyone with a steady job earns those 40 credits in 10 years. Obviously, people with spotty work histories will take longer than 10 years to earn the 40 credits they need for Social Security.

Q: I'm 68 and still working and have health insurance through my employer. I have Part A Medicare but never took the Part B. Someone told me I'll be penalized if I ever try to get on Part B. True?

A: It's not always true. Normally,

there is a 10 percent surcharge for each year you delay taking Part B of Medicare. But that surcharge does not apply to people who are covered by their employer's health insurance. When you retire and lose that coverage, you can sign up for Part B Medicare with no penalties or extra charges.

Q: My brother and I are both retired and on Social Security. We worked side by side for years, but he gets a higher Social Security benefit. Am I being cheated?

A: No, you're not. Unless you are twins and made the very same amount every year of your careers, you wouldn't get the same benefits as your brother. Social Security benefits are based on many years of earnings — generally 35 years. In order to get the same benefit as your brother, you and he must have had the same earnings for all 35 years and be the same age.

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

Anthony Independent School District Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance Governmental Funds For the Year Ended August 31, 2002

Data Control Codes	10 General Fund	Capital Project Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:				
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 1,809,958	\$ 5,518	\$ 220,472	\$ 2,035,948
5800 State Program Revenues	3,119,029	—	309,920	3,428,949
5900 Federal Program Revenues	309,653	—	866,724	1,176,377
5020 Total Revenues	5,238,640	5,518	1,397,116	6,641,274
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
0011 Instruction	3,412,214	—	425,210	3,837,424
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	136,209	—	—	136,209
0013 Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	36,048	—	7,203	43,251
0021 Instructional Leadership	69,751	—	—	69,751
0023 School Leadership	295,038	—	575	295,613
0031 Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	137,510	—	—	137,510
0033 Health Services	93,475	—	—	93,475
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	107,729	—	—	107,729
0035 Food Services	285,661	—	19,300	304,961
0036 Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	174,158	—	—	174,158
0041 General Administration	445,101	—	30,068	475,169
0051 Plant Maintenance and Operations	655,099	—	1,860	656,959
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	26,547	—	—	26,547
0053 Data Processing Services	78,578	—	—	78,578
0061 Community Services	64,385	—	—	64,385
Debt Service:				
0071 Debt Service - Principal on long-term debt	55,000	—	35,000	90,000
0171 Debt Service - Interest on long-term debt	69,214	—	426,806	496,020
Capital Outlay:				
0081 Facilities Acquisition and Construction	—	248,993	1,016,693	1,265,686
6030 Total Expenditures	6,141,717	248,993	1,962,715	8,353,425
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	(903,077)	(243,475)	(565,599)	(1,712,151)
0100 Fund Balance — September 1 (Beginning)	3,947,392	(1,121,652)	415,075	3,240,815
1300 Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance	(301,763)	—	256,963	(44,800)
3000 Fund Balance — August 31 (Ending)	\$ 2,742,552	\$(1,365,127)	\$ 106,439	\$ 1,483,864

Health

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care problems will extend to other parts of Texas," said Dr. Alvarez.

"Although we understand the intense pressure that you are under to balance the 2004-2005 budget, it's important to know that the Tier 1 recommendation to cut provider rates by 33 percent would absolutely gut the already dwindling Medicaid physician network. Further, it is no exaggeration to state that such cuts would dramatically destabilize the health care infrastructure in border counties," Dr. Alvarez said.

Old man

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possessed, though he knows by now that his bad breath and hair loss has banned him permanently from most sleeping chambers.

Still, he does a good job of tending to this little boy that I love. He regularly checks in on what the child is playing, whether it be Mr. Potato Head, building blocks, Noah's Ark or simply watching *Sesame Street*. His old scraggly nose pokes into the kid's business with complete confidence and is met with extraordinary gentleness from the uncoordinated hand of a two-year-old.

He'll poke around a few minutes and then saunter off down the hallway, often followed by the equally gangly pace of a child hanging onto his tail. He is following the old man into new adventures, misunderstood by those of us who have grown past childhood innocence and haven't yet received the same good place in our old age.

I was raised in a household that kept the cats, dogs and other critters out doors where they belong. But for now, I'll have to make an exception.

This old man lives inside and I still don't know why I don't mind.

View from here By Dena Hoff

NAFTA: Good for who?

While celebrations are being held in Washington on the successes of the North American Free Trade Agreement's first 10 years by the business elites and the ex-Presidents of Mexico, the United States and Canada who signed the international trade pact known as NAFTA into law in 1993 (Carlos Salinas, Bush Sr. and Brian Mulroney) — mass demonstrations are taking place in Mexico to declare the Mexican countryside in a state of economic, social and environmental emergency.

Thousands of Mexican farmers and peasants have taken to the streets in Mexico City demanding a moratorium on NAFTA, provoked by the very real threats to their livelihoods when the tariffs on almost all agriculture products were reduced to zero on Jan. 1, 2003.

Recently, the current president of Mexico, Vicente Fox, announced that the agriculture chapter of NAFTA would be renegotiated because of the serious crisis of the Mexican rural areas. But the following day, due to pressures of the U.S. embassy, warning the Mexican government that "if tariffs are frozen, there will be a violent response of U.S. producers" the Mexican government backed down. This statement of the agriculture advisor from the U.S. embassy was published in one of Mexico's daily newspapers, "La Jornada," on December 13.

Now, it is necessary to clarify an important point. When U.S. officials refer to "U.S. farmers" they must be referring to huge agribusiness firms and commodity groups- the same "farmers" promoting trade and benefiting from trade. These "farmers" back U.S. agriculture policies that maintain family farmers in poverty across the globe, while allowing agribusiness to enjoy record profits

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the organization of counties — including their creation, set boundaries, government and finance, and the compensation and duties of their officers and employees; establishing districts for the election of governing bodies of counties; multi-county boards or commissions; relationships or contracts between counties and other units of local government; and the Commission on Jail Standards.

Thank you, once again, my fellow El Pasoans, for giving me the opportunity to report to you on my activities as a member of the Texas State House of Representatives. *Y hasta la proxima, siga siendo su servidor,*
Chente for la gente



"Why should I pick you up? You said in your personals ad that you enjoy long walks."

of up to 300 percent since NAFTA, while taxpayers pay the price.

In fact, family farm organizations whole-heartedly support the actions and arguments that Mexican farmers have presented over the last few weeks for several reasons:

1) Before NAFTA, trade experts predicted that NAFTA would create 170,000 U.S. jobs, while official figures show a loss of over 1,000,000 jobs;

2) Experts predicted a trade surplus with Mexico of up to \$12 billion. In reality, in 2000 our trade balance with Mexico was negative \$24.2 billion;

3) Commodity prices are at record lows, while prices to consumers have risen by 20 percent;

4) Prices that Mexican farmers receive for their corn have fallen by 48 percent since NAFTA, and the value of other crops have also fallen. The only positive trade balance is for the Mexican products of beer, tequila and mescal.

Mexican farmers are unable to compete with U.S. imports because our farm policy unfairly sets the minimum price far below a farmer's cost of production whether in the United States or Mexico. In the United States, some of these losses

are made up by payments made by taxpayers, not the companies that buy our commodities.

Take the case of corn. For Mexico, a corn-producing society, it is cheaper to buy mass-produced U.S. Cargill corn than to grow their own. Corn is exported to Mexico at prices below Mexico's cost of production, otherwise known as "dumping". However, if a farmer's only source of income is selling their corn crop and they are unable to sell because of cheap Cargill corn in the Mexican market, they have no money to buy the imported corn, and no way to make a living. Not so coincidentally, regions with the highest rates of poverty and thus migration are also primarily producers of basic grains.

The United States and Chile just signed a free trade agreement. The next agreements are with Singapore, then Central America. After that is the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) which will include all of Latin America and the Caribbean except for Cuba, set for 2005. All of these agreements include agriculture, based on the NAFTA model. What will become of our farm economy then? What will become of the millions of small farmers throughout the entire Western Hemisphere who now are forced to compete with corporate agribusiness who receive millions in farm subsidies?

Food security is equivalent to national security. Agriculture cannot be

Socorro ISD communications services given high marks by association

EL PASO COUNTY— Socorro I.S.D.'s Communication Services Department brought home nine Gold and Silver Star awards sponsored by the Texas School Public Relations Association. More than 850 entries were received this year the greatest number in the history of the competition. Membership is composed of school districts, regional service centers and state education agencies throughout Texas.

Socorro's community newsletter, the @socorro won two awards a Gold Star award for best English language submission-over 10,000 students, and one Silver Star for Non-English-Speaking Audience in the Over 10,000-student category. Graphic Artist Gabriela Warren and Communications Specialist Jim Braden were honored with those awards. Warren also took a Gold Star for her Media Awards Invitation and a Silver Star for her All For One, One For All flyer. Director of Communications Minerva Baumann's Teacher Recruitment Commercial won a Gold Star, while Warren and Baumann were honored with Silver Stars for their Teacher of the Year Classroom Heroes Image/Identity Package and the One Nation in Hope Calendar Planner.

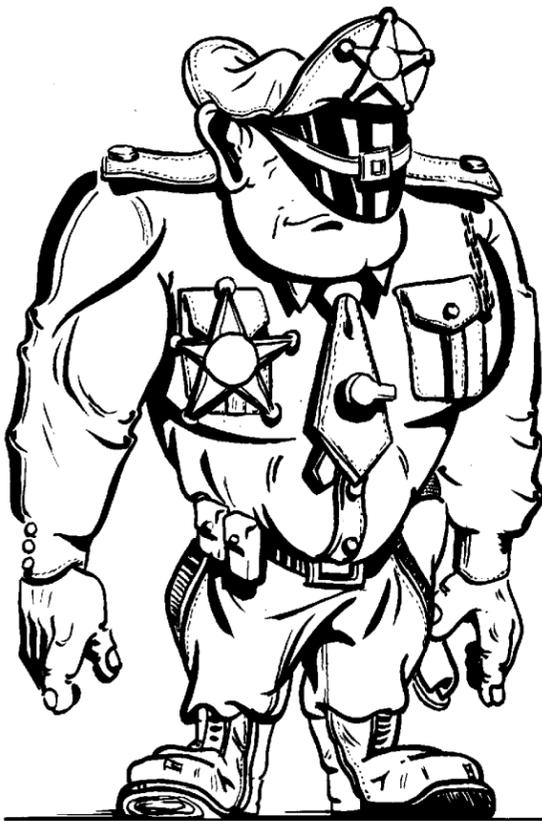
Braden was honored with a Silver Star for his feature story Seeing Double in the @socorro newsletter while Baumann received a Silver Star for her Socorro Remembers 9-11 photograph.

The awards were presented in San Antonio Feb. 19 during the professional association's annual meeting.

considered as just another sector of the economy left at the mercy of the "free" market in efforts to maximize profit. Therefore, small farmers in Mexico are right to demand protection for their agriculture products and a revision of NAFTA. We must demand the same. So next time you hear the words "free trade" and "national security" in the same sentence, ask yourself whose interests

are truly represented.

(Dena Hoff is a farmer in Glendive, Montana. He chairs the Free Trade Task Force for the National Family Farm Coalition. The National Family Farm Coalition (NFFC) was founded in 1986 to serve as a national link for grassroots organizations working on family farm issues. For more information, visit: www.nffc.net.)



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Glenn unlikely to improve Cowboys' performance or image

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

I guess everybody in America has a favorite NFL team and though I'm in the business of being a neutral sportswriter, I, too, have a favorite team.

And my team has made quite a bit of news over the last month.

The Dallas Cowboys made a very difficult decision in releasing the game's all-time leading rusher, Emmitt Smith.

And though it is true that Smith is 34 years old and just a fraction of the running back he used to be, it will be unusual not to see him in a Cowboys' uniform next season and more unusual still to see him in any other team's uniform.

Emmitt Smith has been the heart and soul of the Dallas Cowboys for the last 13 years. Playing through pain, carrying the ball 30 times a game, scoring touchdowns, catching passes and leveling punishing blocks.

Smith is indeed one of a kind, and not just for what he did on the football field but maybe

even more for what he accomplished off the field and in the locker room.

But clearly the Cowboys have to look to the future and start all over with a new team, with new players and a new attitude.

And you would think that new coach Bill Parcells would set the tone with a new no-nonsense approach to coaching — that's what I thought.

Next thing I hear, Parcells, whom you know had a hand in the release of Smith, goes out and signs — of all people — Terry Glenn.

Glenn is a wide receiver Parcells once referred to as "she" because of his lack of mental toughness when it came to playing with pain.

That's just what Dallas needs — they get rid of one of the most mentally tough players ever to play the game and they sign one of the most mentally frail.

Glenn's checkered career has included a domestic-abuse charge and a suspension for substance abuse. Glenn, who is obviously in it only for the money, stayed out of training camp once in a dispute over payments from a signing bonus.

Glenn has done nothing but upset teammates

and coaches with his lousy attitude and huge chip on his shoulder.

I don't know why Parcells, who coached Glenn with New England, would want to coach a guy like him again.

I hope that this is not a prelude of things to come. For the Cowboys this one move is definitely a step backward.

Everybody expects the Cowboys to be much improved over the next few years under Parcells. I hope they will be, but it's not encouraging when the Cowboys pick up players that are known to be difficult or selfish.

But I guess the Cowboys will always pick players in Jerry Jones' own image.

Skategate

Remember when you were a kid and you had that one neighbor that had all the coolest toys around? Only thing was that if you upset him or things didn't go exactly his way he would pick up all his toys and go home.

The amalgam of that very kid has been spotted in El Paso.

I guess all of you out there have heard about the latest insanity surrounding the El Paso

Buzzards and their childish owner, little Billy Davidson.

Seems he didn't get the court ruling he wanted concerning the Buzzards so he did what most law-abiding mature-thinking men *wouldn't* do — he took most of the team's skates and drove away.

I guess he thought this was the way to get back at his team and the league for what Davidson has brought on himself.

What a dope. What kind of a grown man does something like that? I've got the answer — a grown man *wouldn't* do something like that.

Now I ask you, is there a more despicable person in El Paso than this guy? He makes even Jason Rabedeaux look intelligent.

As of this writing nobody knows where Davidson is or what he did with the skates.

But once again a mental midget has done his best to keep El Paso in the national spotlight.

I don't know how seriously the El Paso Sheriff department is taking this investigation but I think a more thorough investigation should be conducted over what happened to Davidson's integrity, honor and brain.

Montwood

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any future incidents by video or photograph so that it can be more accurately discerned who was doing what.

As a result of the incident, 11 students at Montwood were either suspended, expelled or transferred to an "alternative" school within the district.

Still, the matter remains unsettled within the very factions that precipitated the event in the first place. A core group associated at various levels with the Montwood campus remains convinced that block-scheduling, with whatever pros and cons it may have, is still not something they will support.

The Socorro ISD administration seems just as firmly convinced that the policy will go ahead as decided, no matter the amount of protest. Interim Superintendent Mario Aguilar said parents and students or teachers who still want to protest will have to go through regular channels, such as writing letters or contacting the various board of trustees members.

Briefs

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successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally. He is a 2000 graduate of El Paso High School.

■ The Lee and Beulah Moor Children's Home's first annual Walk/Run for Families in Crisis will be held on Saturday, April 12 at Sunland Park Racetrack beginning at 9 a.m. A one-mile "fun walk" and a 5K competitive run will be featured, followed by a variety of food and fun entertainment. Trophies and medals will be awarded. Early entries get a discount. For more information call 544-8777 or log on at www.elpasogreatevents.com.

■ The First Baptist Church of Horizon City will host the Youth Choir on Tour from the Crestview Baptist Church in Midland in a free concert on Friday, March 14 at 7 p.m. The tour, entitled

"The Best of Friends," features the 45-voice choir of students grades 7-12 who sing regularly for worship services and tour each year on spring break. The public is invited. Call Pastor Wes Phillips at 852-3027 for more information.

■ U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla has announced an "Academy Day" orientation for all high school students interested in educational opportunities available through the U.S. Service Academies. The day-long seminar will be held in San Antonio, TX on March 9. The service academies that will be represented are the U.S. Air Force Academy, U.S. Military Academy, the U.S. Naval Academy and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. The U.S. Coast Guard and the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) will also be represented. Interested students who are unable to attend the event may visit Bonilla's web site at www.house.gov/bonilla or call 210-697-9055 for more information.

■ The Business Professionals of America chapter of Montwood High School recently attended the Area IV, Region III Leadership

Conference Jan. 31-Feb. 1. Two of the teams will be advancing to state competition in Corpus Christi this month as a result. Rafael Armendariz, Gabriel Ortega, Luis Quezada, Diana Verdugo and Cindy Villa placed first in Parliamentary Procedures. Israel Parra and Erica Portillo placed second in Small Business Management. Additionally, Armendariz was elected Area IV, Region III president and he will attend the state conference as a voting delegate. Their sponsor is Lynn E. Daniels.

■ Signups for Horizon City Little League will be held Saturdays and Sundays through March 16, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Horizon Vista Food Store for players age 8-12 (must not be 13 before Aug. 1). The team, sanctioned through Little League, Inc., will play a minimum of a 12-game season beginning April 19. Tryouts will be held at the Horizon Municipal Park on March 22. Registration fee is \$25 per player. Coaches, umpires, field maintenance and concession help also needed. Call John Dixon at 852-9349 or Van Boatright at 852-3949 for more information.

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- ACROSS
- 1 Mr. Diller
- 5 Domino or Waller
- 9 It may be strapless
- 12 Request an encore
- 16 Done
- 17 Rock's Quiet _
- 18 Jagger and Jones
- 20 Snapshot
- 21 Mediterranean port
- 22 Actress Paquin
- 23 Home, to Hopalong?
- 24 Poet Conrad
- 25 Escalator stocks ...
- 29 Exhausted
- 31 Aye opponent
- 32 "Bolero" composer
- 33 Pigeon English?
- 34 "Angela's Ashes" sequel
- 36 Dandy dude?
- 37 "I could _ horse!"
- 38 Read quickly
- 42 Mining shares ...
- 46 Tolkien creation
- 48 Neighbor of Tenn.
- 49 Notes from Verdi?
- 50 Noun suffix
- 51 "The Simpsons" character
- 53 Propelled a shell
- 55 First name in art
- 58 Hitching post?
- 60 Fleet
- 61 Boxer Norton
- 62 Ferret's foot
- 63 Bandleader Lyman
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- 74 Pole star?
- 75 Daniel _ -Lewis
- 76 Diving bird
- 77 Comic Philips
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- 82 Surrealist Max
- 84 Chorus
- 86 Playground feature
- 87 Actress Susan
- 88 Flicka's food
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- 90 Chinese export
- 91 Mouth piece?
- 94 Cutlery shares ...
- 99 Active volcano
- 101 Some computers
- 103 Chanteuse Lemper
- 104 Cobb and Hardin
- 105 '75 Abba tune
- 106 Polish coin
- 108 One _ million
- 109 Like a hot fudge sundae
- 111 Barbell stocks ...
- 118 Actor Warner
- 119 Cold sound
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- 121 Crazy
- 125 Victorian wit
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- 127 _ J. Pakula
- 128 Spirit
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- 130 Farm feature
- 131 Tardy
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- DOWN**
- 1 Driving hazard
- 2 Palindromic name
- 3 Pince- _
- 4 Singer Slick
- 5 Overwrought
- 6 " _ No Sunshine" (71 hit)
- 7 Author Morrison
- 8 Mikita or Musial
- 9 Like some eyes
- 10 Rave's partner
- 11 With 69 Down, fluffy feline
- 12 Flu symptom
- 13 Valhalla villain
- 14 " _ o'clock scholar"
- 15 Cornmeal concoction
- 18 Stargazed
- 19 Hardly hyper
- 20 New York university
- 26 Aware of
- 27 Textbook heading
- 28 Writer Hunter
- 29 Posh party
- 30 Elixir
- 33 Teacher's aid
- 35 Logging-camp feature
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- 37 Compassion
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- 41 Lady of the house
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- 47 Rocky hill
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- 54 In the thick of
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- 59 _ a hand (aids)
- 60 Press one's point
- 63 Poppins' portrayer
- 65 Equity expert
- 67 Actor Wallace
- 68 Enraged
- 69 See 11 Down
- 70 Just manage, with "out"
- 71 "Beau _" ('39 film)
- 72 Cove
- 73 Jones of the Stones
- 77 Slip by
- 78 Tennis great
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- 79 Accepts authority
- 81 "Aladdin" frame
- 83 Carrie or Louis
- 84 Opening
- 85 EMT's skill
- 88 Shade
- 92 " _ Fire" ('85 hit)
- 93 Turkish titles
- 95 "Guys and Dolls" author
- 96 Coup d' -
- 97 Cleanliness
- 98 "Unto us _ is given"
- 100 Schedule
- 102 People from Prague
- 107 Take a taxi
- 108 Tower material?
- 110 Brash Nash
- 111 Tiers
- 112 Gallimaufry
- 113 Magie and Mineo
- 114 "Cat on _ Tin Roof"
- 115 Actual
- 116 Auel heroine
- 117 "Confound it!"
- 122 Stout relative
- 123 Send out a page
- 124 Big bang letters

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Comix

OUT ON A LIMB By Gary Kopervas



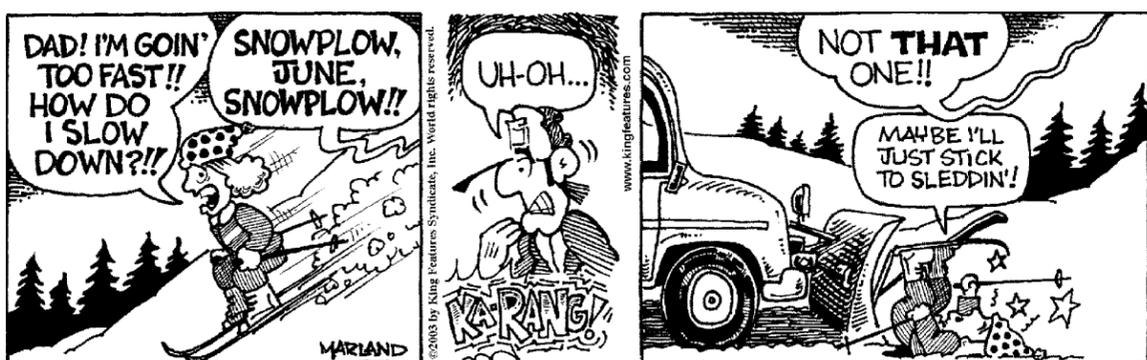
AMBER WAVES By Dave T. Phipps



THE SPATS By Jeff Pickering



R.F.D. By Mike Marland



Classified Ads

LEGAL

El Paso County Water Authority Invitation to Bid

The El Paso County Water Authority is now accepting bids for the construction of two recycling centers to be located within the city limits of Horizon City. The description and specifications can be obtained at the Authority's office at 1539 Pawling Drive, Horizon City, Texas.

Sealed bids will be received until 4:00 p.m. on March 13, 2003. The El Paso County Water Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

BARGAINS

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LOST AND FOUND

LOST - Three-month-old female Bassett hound in the vicinity of Roslyn Drive and Darrington Rd. in Horizon City on Wednesday, Feb. 27. If you have information regarding this puppy please call 852-9195. 3/6

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

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Smell like a champion

By Don Flood

You may not have what it takes to be an Olympic champion but — doggone it! — now modern aroma technology has made it possible for you to smell like one.

In honor of next year's Olympic Games in Athens, Greece, organizers are launching what they say is the Olympic spirit in a bottle.

Men have a choice of two fragrances: Fair Play and Heritage.

I have to admit, I've never worn cologne, but I'm curious about Fair Play.

I like to think of myself as reasonable and open-minded, but perhaps my natural body odor isn't delivering this message as well as it should.

Maybe Fair Play would bring out the real rational-scented me.

Because for all I know, I give off an aroma that reeks of bias and pre-conception. I walk by and people say: "Get a whiff of that guy! He is so unfair!"

On the other hand, as a married man, I have to be sensible to the extraordinary effect men's fragrances have on women, a fact that has been documented again and again in commercials for men's toiletries.

One recent ad - which, since it involves product claims, must be true — shows a young, squirrely looking man entering an elevator.

On the way in, he picks up a few molecules of Axe deodorant spray from this guy leaving who, for some unknown reason, uses the elevator to apply his personal-hygiene products.

Naturally, a young supermodel type enters the elevator, and right away she starts giving the squirrely guy the eye.

Or rather, the nose, because it's his scent she can't resist.

When we see the elevator door open, he's badly shaken and disheveled; it's quite obvious he's been ravished.

He has become, sadly, another statistic in that long line of men victimized after being trapped in an elevator with a supermodel.

And he didn't even use the deodorant spray himself!

Which means, maybe you don't have to buy it either.

You can just hang around guys who do and score just as well. Just a little money-saving tip from your Uncle Thrifty here.

A generation ago there was a cologne called Hai Karate.

It was also quite powerful, turning supermodels into lust-crazed savages. Its slogan was, "Be careful how you use it."

Apparently, many men weren't careful enough.

Since I don't see it on the shelves anymore, I have to assume it was eventually banned by the Food and Drug Administration or perhaps Homeland Security.

The Olympic organizers are also offering two women's fragrances: Celebration — which is an OK name — and Participation, which may well be the Dullest Name in Perfume History, especially since women's perfumes tend to have more risqué names like Obsession, Opium or Drooling Bodice Ripper.

I once went to buy my wife some perfume. Must have sniffed 20 different brands.

After a while, my nose could no longer tell the difference. I had to pick based on what I remembered from my earlier sniffs, which wasn't much.

But it had to be better than Participation.

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Mommy

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you hear the words "Honey, I can't find ..."

7. You have ever told him: "Chew with your mouth closed," or "Remember to say please and thank you."

8. Each day when he comes home from work you ask him what he ate for lunch.

9. You pick out his clothes for him each day.

10. When he's had a bad day at work you think milk and cookies will make him feel better.

11. When you finally have a romantic evening alone, he snuggles up to you and calls you by someone else's name... "Mommy."

As my friend would say, "Stop being his mommy."

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For Sanity's Sake By Taprina Milburn

You act like your spouse's mommy if ...

Sometimes when I tell people that I write a family column they mistake me for an advice columnist.

Occasionally I'll get such a question as how do you teach children the importance of writing thank you notes (the person obviously doesn't know my own struggles with this) or, most recently on a chairlift at a ski

resort, a lady shared with me that she's beginning to resent her husband because she feels as if she's becoming his mother.

She rattled on about his inability to pick up after himself, his bad table manners, as well as her beloved's talent for belching "The Star Spangled Banner."

What would you suggest I do, she asked.

Tell him he's grounded from playing with his friends and no sex until he cleans up his room and learns to mind his manners, I said.

By the look on her face, I knew I'd lost all credibility I'd had on the three-minute ride up the mountain.

So when I got home I called up my relationship-savvy friend and asked her what advice she would have given. She threw out something about how some spouses tend to overfunction (act overly responsible) in a relationship, which allows the other mate to underfunction in the relationship. You

should have told her to just stop being his mommy, she said.

You'd expect an answer like that from such a smart girl.

So I started asking girlfriends if maybe there's a slight chance we do this in our marriages, act like mommies to our husbands. And here's what we came up with:

You know you're acting like your spouse's mommy if:

1. Your cabinets are never without All Bran and Metamucil because you concern yourself way too much with his regularity.
2. Your spouse believes that you hold an exclusive membership to the

grocery store. If the family runs out of peanut butter and jelly while you're out of town, he's convinced the store will not let him in to restock the pantry.

3. You buy him liquid vitamins and give them to him each morning.

4. You are convinced that you are the only one in the house capable of using a plunger, the oven, the washing machine and dryer.

5. You are seriously considering pinning notes to his shirt so that he won't lose them on the way to the office.

6. You get an adrenaline rush when

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WEATHER

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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR EL PASO

THURSDAY	THUR. NIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
A good deal of sunshine.	Partly to mostly cloudy.	Mostly sunny.	A good deal of sunshine.	Mostly sunny.	Sunny to partly cloudy and nice.	Mostly sunny.	Sunny.
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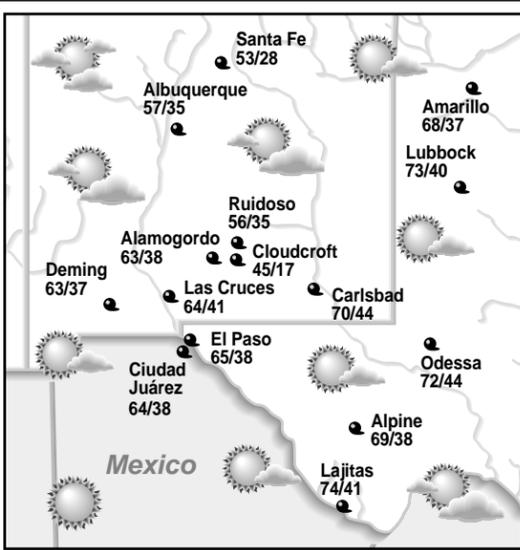
UV INDEX Statistics for noon.

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

Thursday	7	High
Friday	7	High
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Tuesday	7	High
Wednesday	7	High

TEXAS WEATHER

Anthony	64	44
Canutillo	65	45
Clint	65	44
E. Montana	65	38
Fabens	65	44
Horizon	65	45
San Elizario	62	42
Socorro	64	39
Tornillo	65	44
Vinton	65	45



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	57/35/pc	58/34/s	61/37/s	64/37/s	63/31/s
Atlanta	66/52/c	64/50/c	59/45/c	66/44/pc	64/45/pc
Atlantic City	35/30/c	47/34/pc	50/33/c	50/28/pc	41/16/c
Austin/San Antonio	69/55/pc	70/44/pc	71/45/c	71/52/s	74/56/pc
Baltimore	38/28/c	50/35/pc	48/32/c	50/32/pc	44/18/c
Boston	32/24/c	42/32/pc	40/30/c	42/28/r	34/13/pc
Chicago	34/28/c	42/32/c	38/21/pc	24/14/c	28/11/c
Dallas/Ft. Worth	64/52/pc	73/47/pc	67/47/pc	68/52/s	68/54/pc
Denver	55/28/pc	53/25/pc	53/28/pc	53/32/pc	55/26/c
Flagstaff	46/21/pc	50/21/s	52/24/s	56/25/s	50/15/s
Houston	72/56/c	72/56/pc	72/54/c	72/56/pc	74/52/pc
Kansas City	50/39/pc	55/37/c	50/31/pc	37/23/c	43/25/c
Las Vegas	67/45/s	67/45/s	71/47/s	73/49/s	73/47/pc
Miami	86/72/pc	84/72/pc	86/70/pc	85/68/pc	83/62/pc
Minneapolis	32/16/c	28/16/c	20/2/sf	13/1/pc	23/4/c
New Orleans	73/57/c	71/60/sh	75/54/c	71/53/pc	73/53/s
New York City	33/30/pc	45/35/pc	45/34/c	46/27/sh	37/18/pc
Philadelphia	36/29/c	47/34/pc	45/32/c	47/32/pc	42/16/c
Phoenix	70/50/s	73/53/s	78/55/s	80/58/s	76/41/s
Portland	47/38/r	46/38/r	48/40/pc	52/39/r	51/27/r
San Francisco	62/46/s	62/48/pc	62/48/s	60/50/c	60/34/c
Seattle	44/34/r	42/34/r	46/36/c	50/39/r	49/27/r
Tucson	67/43/s	71/44/s	73/46/s	78/47/s	76/38/s
Washington, DC	40/30/c	52/36/pc	50/34/c	52/34/pc	42/30/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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Thursday	73°
Friday	55°
Saturday	62°
Sunday	64°
Monday	70°
Tuesday	68°
Wednesday	73°

High pressure over the Southwest will lead to a good deal of sunshine Thursday. Northerly winds will keep temperatures slightly below normal. A mostly sunny weekend is expected as well. As winds become more southerly, temperatures will warm into the 70s. No rain is in sight through the long range.

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