



NEWSBRIEFS

Correction

The date for an economic and business informational workshop in last week's *Courier* was incorrect. The event, to be hosted by the Town of Horizon City, will be held Wednesday, April 23 at the Oz Glaze Senior Citizens' Center at 6 p.m. The workshop is an initiative arising from the recent Horizon economic development summit and will acquaint local businesses with a proposal to create a local economic development council. Marketing consultants Scott Goodwin and Geronimo Garcia will make presentations regarding use of standard graphics in signage, advertising and promotional material to strengthen local economic identity. The meeting is open to all businesses in the wider Horizon area. The Horizon marketing study was funded by the Horizon Communities Improvement Association (HCIA) and further information is available at 852-1811.

Clint street lights

The Town of Clint will be getting street lights along FM 1110, Texas 20 and North Loop thanks to the Texas Department of Transportation and the El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). Twenty street lights will be installed beginning October 2003 with the project completion date of November 2004. The lighting project is being designed and constructed through TxDOT funds for safety projects along state highways. The request for street lights was made in November of 2001 by the Town of Clint and was approved in December 2002 by the Project Selection Committee of the MPO. The El Paso MPO is made up of representatives from various El Paso County elected bodies and determines which transportation projects requested by area municipalities are funded by TxDOT funds. The expected cost of this project is \$ 317,217.90.

Sidewalk safety

The death of a seven-year-old riding a bicycle in Fabens in January of last year was a clear signal that traffic and children don't mix. The communities of Fabens and San Elizario will see some relief soon following notification to the County of El Paso late last week that a grant of \$243,834 has been approved by the Texas Department of Transportation Safe Routes to School program to finance the construction of sidewalks and paths to make the trek to school safer for their children. The County will provide \$60,958 in matching funds. Borrego Elementary in San Elizario, and Fabens Primary, Middle and High Schools, as well as O'Donnell Elementary will see road-side improvements as a result of the funding. County Transportation Planner Bob Geyer said he expects construction to begin early in 2004.

In other news

■ Noted artist, educator, humanitarian,

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Canutillo ISD voters pass bond issue

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

UPPER VALLEY — Canutillo Independent School District voters passed a \$12.3 million bond issue that will enhance the design of the new high school and bring needed renovation projects to the district's six existing campuses.

The final tally reported Saturday night by Helen Jamison, El Paso County elections supervisor, was 226 votes for the bond issue and 52 votes against it, for an 81 percent passing rate.

According to school officials, \$7.3 million of the bond issue is earmarked to help CISD build a comprehensive, state-of-the-art high school campus that will accommodate the projected student population growth. The new high school is sched-



PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE — These Canutillo ISD administrators, shown from left, Assistant Superintendent for Operations and Planning Dr. John Kessinger and Comptroller Tony Reza discuss plans for the new high school.

uled to open during the 2005-2006 school year.

In 1999, Canutillo ISD voters passed a \$23 million bond issue to build the new high school. Subsequently, Canutillo applied for and received Instructional Facilities Allotment assistance from the state. The state is reimbursing the district 74 percent of the initial construction cost. After purchasing the 50 acres of land for the new high school, paying for legal permits, architects fees, and other expenses, the Canutillo district still has \$20 million remaining of the original \$23 million for construction.

The remaining \$5 million of the recently passed bond issue will be used to renovate and/or add to existing campuses including: building three 10-classroom wings with restrooms at Childress Elementary School,

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Horizon passes ordinance regulating school zones within its jurisdiction

By Arleen Beard
Special to the Courier

HORIZON CITY — For the past couple of months, Horizon City Attorney Robert Duran has been preparing a school zone ordinance for the Town of Horizon City. During the regularly scheduled City Council meeting on April 8, 2003, a public hearing regarding the School Zone Ordinance No. 0105 was held.

There was no public input, therefore, Mayor Pat Randleel closed the hearing and council proceeded to take action on the ordinance. Attorney Duran stated the reason for the school zone ordinance was due to Horizon City never before having one. He said council felt one

should be adopted. Council unanimously approved the second reading on School Zone Ordinance No. 0105.

There are five school included in the school ordinance. These schools are: Colonel John Ensor Middle School, Horizon Heights Elementary School, Carroll T. Welch Intermediate School, Frank Macias Elementary School and Desert Hills Elementary School. Speed limit for most of the school zones is 15 miles per hour except for 30 miles per hour on Horizon Blvd. and 20 miles per hour on Eastlake for Desert Hills Elementary School.

Whenever signs indicate that the regulations are in force, no vehicle shall pass any other

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Devastating poultry disease confirmed in El Paso County, five counties quarantined

EL PASO COUNTY — Birds and poultry movement from five counties in Texas and New Mexico is being prohibited after laboratory tests completed late Wednesday, April 9, confirmed Exotic Newcastle Disease (END) had infected a backyard flock of chickens last week in East El Paso County.

As a preemptive measure, state and federal animal health regulatory officials earlier this week destroyed the flock, but are concerned that END, a highly contagious foreign-origin virus, may have spread to other poultry and birds in the area.

The flock in which END was confirmed was in the Socorro area, and was reported to be about 100 game fowl raised for cockfights in New Mexico.

El Paso County has been quarantined by the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), and the New Mexico Livestock Board has quarantined Luna, Dona Ana and Otero Counties in New Mexico.

By mid-afternoon Thursday, April 10, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) had placed a federal quarantine on these counties, in addition to Hudspeth County in Texas.

"As of Wednesday evening, infection has been confirmed only in El Paso County," explained Dr. Bob Hillman, Texas state veterinarian and executive director for the TAHC. "However, the five counties quarantined in Texas and New Mexico are considered to be a

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San Elizario ISD board positions go unchallenged, but Zuniga resigns

By Don Woodyard
Courier Staff Writer

SAN ELIZARIO—The board of trustees of the San Elizario Independent School District got good news about the recent TAKS (Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills) testing for third-graders and considered how to fill a new vacancy.

The board approved a resolution canceling the May 3 election because incumbent board members Vicente Delgadillo and Antonio Araujo had no opponents. They will be certified as re-elected to office.

With one election canceled, the board may schedule another to find a replacement for board member Lorenza Zuniga who resigned because she had moved outside the district boundaries. Board president Araujo said there are three choices, and he will be polling members to see what course of action to take. One is to appoint someone to fill the remaining year of her term.

Second, the board can hold an election for a replacement or, three, take no action. With the latter, he sees a problem. With only six on the board there is the risk of a 3-3 tie vote and no tie-breaker.

Cynthia Martinez, at-risk coordinator for the district, told trustees at the April 9 board meeting that the students "did very well" in the new, more arduous reading test.

Combining and averaging test results in the English and Spanish tests, SEISD tied for second among Region 19 districts with the Canutillo ISD. SEISD students scored 91 in English and 87 in Spanish, according to test results provided by the district.

Canutillo was 94 in English and 84 in Spanish. First place went to the Anthony school district, the report showed, with a 95 in the English portion and 89 in the Spanish.

Superintendent Mike Quatrini commended the efforts of principals, teachers and staff for preparing the students for the test.

Quatrini later said the results all boiled down to equity — equity in funding from the state that has enabled Region 19 to do so well compared to other parts of the state.

The more equitable funding process, he says, provides for a more level academic playing field. Smaller school districts like San Elizario can offer the same facilities and compete with any other district throughout the state and attract the same high quality teachers and provide the necessary resources to meet the educational needs of the students.

In other action, the board approved discontinuing two non-qualified bus routes, 27 and 34 for Borrego and Sambrano respectively. The administration recommended following the state guidelines regarding students eligible for transportation. They allow for transporting only those students outside of a two-mile radius of the school.

Quatrini said most school districts in the state follow the two-mile rule. The change will not affect pre-K and kinder students and those along hazardous routes.

Velia Duran, community in schools coordinator at the middle school, was named Employee of the Month. Leticia Monsivais, a high school math teacher, was named Teacher of the Month.

We an abundance of freedom in this country, even the freedom to make fools of ourselves.

— Quips & Quotes



One perspective

By Francis Shrum

A problem with pants

It used to get me in plenty of trouble. My mother called it "getting too big for my britches." I always knew when it was happening. I would start behaving in a way that was inappropriate for a sprout my size. It usually involved a good bit of talking back, sticking my nose in where it didn't belong — just generally involving myself in business a little above and outside my

realm of authority. I hope the good ol' USA understands what size of pants this nation wears. My perspective on this armed conflict with Iraq has been influenced, as it often is, by discussions with people I admire and respect, people who have been there, done that, and who fit in their pants with considerable comfort. I had just such a conversation on

Sunday with a man that sits right at the top of my list when it comes to wisdom. He's worried that our armed excursion over into the sands of Iraq may have created more problems than it solved. He believes that our assault on Iraq was undertaken for all the wrong reasons.

Maybe so. I can't say that I was a big fan of George W. Bush before he took office and in many respects I'm still not. But I do respect the fact that at least he believes what he says. And I respect the fact that he has kept house with the same beautiful, honest and principled woman for many years and she is still satisfied to walk a couple of steps behind and hold his hand.

Maybe this is because he was raised by a woman like that. I also respect the fact that he re-

spects his soldiers and his generals, and I believe that respect is honest and sincere.

At any rate, I agree with my mentor that our President would be well advised to watch his pants size. You see, we are in a very tenuous position where, if we are not careful, we could be perceived as being a little too big for our britches.

Some people say that is the American Way. That go-for-it attitude is what made us great, they say. One of our most popular "country" music singers these days has set that sentiment to music and he's getting quite a bit of press for it. He stands brazenly on stage, a little on the heavy, soft side with half-unbuttoned shirt hanging over ragged jeans, with long stringy hair and unshaven face, blaring out his defiance at forces he doesn't even begin to understand, let

alone frighten. I disagree with him. I think that it has been the humility and cool judgment of quiet men in key places that has pulled our fat out of the fire on more occasions than we care to think about.

When men who have led other men to their deaths step up and speak into the microphone they don't threaten, bluster and puff out their chests. First off, they would just as soon not be there, and secondly, their words carry a kind of measured caution that our nation would do well to heed.

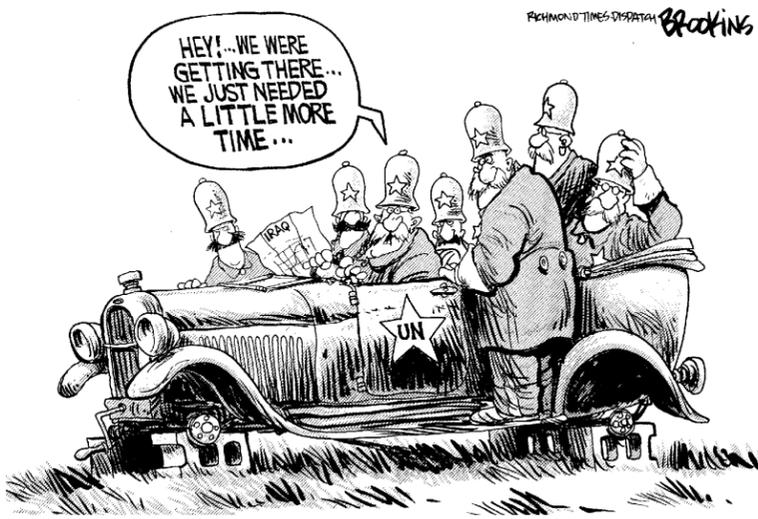
Iraq is a plum and a prize. Iraq sits smack dab on top of a simmering pot of wealth that has kept men in high places drooling in their bibs the world over. Until now, Saddam Hussein has been the great equalizer. He has been so universally despised that everybody was glad enough to pretend to maintain "sanctions" against him while most of them — even U.S. interests in some instances — were still making undercover deals with the devil to access the opium of this generation, oil.

Our nation has upset that delicate balance of world power and we sit poised on the cusp of history. We have chosen to stand up in the face of world opinion and say that we know better than everyone else what the "Iraqi people" want and need. We've sent our sons — and finally, our daughters — into the bloody path of armed conflict to back up that assumption.

For what? To take out a fool and a despot? Maybe, but they exist the world over and we've done nothing like this before. No, Iraq and Saddam Hussein are unique — Hussein has stood as a defiant symbol of our failure to do finish the job during Operation Desert Storm, and he has done so while sitting on top of the biggest pot of black gold the world knows about.

So what will our nation do? Will we march forward with an in-your-face attitude, defiant, greedy and deadly?

Or will we, as we've been so quietly and earnestly advised, check our pants size and proceed with the utmost caution.



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Reyes Reports

By U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes

Through thick and thin, we stand by our troops and their families

This weekend in El Paso we as a community experienced first hand the extremes of sorrow and joy. On Friday we gathered together to pay our respects to the nine brave members of the 507th Maintenance Company who lost their lives in Iraq. Early Sunday morning, while still grieving the loss of these nine amazing soldiers, we received the news that we've all hoped and prayed for: our five prisoners of war were recovered. They are safe, able to walk on their own, and are now on their way back to their families.

Our men and women in uniform are prepared to make the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our nation's liberty. In El Paso and across the nation, the reality of this selfless patriotism hits home now more than ever. As we cope with our sorrows and celebrate the return of our POWs, we continue to keep the troops, their families, and loved ones in our thoughts and prayers. It is my sincere hope that the conflict in Iraq will end as quickly as possible, and with a minimal amount of military and civilian deaths.

Nine brave members of Fort Bliss's 507th Maintenance Company were killed in action in Iraq. Private Ruben Estrella-Soto, 18, of El Paso, Chief Warrant Officer Johnny Villareal Mata, 35, of Pecos, Texas, Specialist James Kiehl, 22, of Comfort, Texas, Private First Class Lori Piestewa, 22, of Tuba City, Arizona, Private Bran-

don Sloan, 19, of Bedford Heights, Ohio, Sergeant Donald Walters, 33, of Salem, Oregon, Master Sgt. Robert J. Dowdy, 38, of Cleveland, Ohio, Specialist Jamaal Addison of Roswell, Georgia and Private First Class, and Howard Johnson of Mobile, Alabama, selflessly sacrificed their lives in defense of our nation and the great freedoms that make us who we are. Our community remains united behind our troops, and our thoughts and prayers are with the families and loved ones of these courageous soldiers.

Thirty-six years ago, I served my country proudly. I was fortunate enough to be one of those who returned. I will not even begin today to compare my experiences with those of the courageous men and women currently serving in Iraq, but I do know what it feels like to leave behind friends and family for a destination unknown. It's one of the hardest things I've ever done, and I strongly commend these troops for their unwavering bravery.

Amidst signs of progress in Iraq, there is still much work to be done. Our troops are committed to completing their mission, and we want our troops to know that we are committed to them. They give us pride in our country, and they can count on us to support them in the days, weeks, and years ahead, as they continue to be shining examples of what it means to be a great patriot.

Write stuff

Dear Editor:

I would like to express my views in reference to (a letter) released April 3 concerning Socorro City Council and Mayor Irma Sanchez. I will disagree with the comment from one of your readers that Socorro City Council is out to "sabotage the mayor's work." I believe that Socorro City Council is out to work for the community, not compete or impair what one person does.

I can give a good example: the recommendation of the Socorro Municipal Judge came directly from Mayor Sanchez and was voted/passed by the majority of Socorro City Council. I didn't see any "sabotage" there. Yes, only council voted.

Perhaps the (letter) is only one-sided, after all, I couldn't see how five individual people, meaning Socorro City Council, would be out to sabotage one person, Mayor Sanchez, which leads me to believe that perhaps your reader really doesn't know Socorro city representatives or holds some type of grudge towards them.

I can appreciate and support that Rep. Gloria Rodriguez is informing Socorro citizens the service that the council should provide the constituents with, after all, that is why they are elected. Nor do I see a crime that Rep. Rodriguez speaks up at any council meeting. I applaud her voice.

Maybe in the future if a reader feels the need to glorify an individual or commission they should write (a letter) about them and not belittle another representative.

Laura Rizo
Socorro

Dear Editor:

In last weeks issue there was a com-

ment from Johnny Gauna in reference to Carl Frieze running for board of trustee of the Canutillo I.S.D. What Mr. Gauna failed to mention is that throughout the time that Mr. Frieze was no longer a member of the school board, he was still present at the board meetings as a parent and community member. This was no longer an obligation on Mr. Frieze's part, but it was an issue of personal interest. Personal interest as a concerned parent and community member, which is more than I can say for other individuals running in this election that are not presently on the board. Mr. Frieze has proven his dedication to Canutillo I.S.D. not only as a board member, but also as a competent parent and community member. There is no personal gain here, but rather sincere concern for the entire student body population of this district. I, too, attend these meetings and pay close attention to the facts and to the educational decisions being made. I suggest Mr. Gauna do the same. Carl Frieze has my support and vote for school board of trustee.

Lilia P. Maldonado
Canutillo

Dear Editor:

The best choice for mayor of Horizon City is the current incumbent, Pat Randleel. Pat has lived in Horizon City since 1982. She is an active member of the Horizon City Community Chapel, attending regularly and having served as financial secretary for many years. Pat has been a member of the Horizon City Kiwanis Club since 1988. Name any Club project and you will find Pat working hard to help keep it going. She has served ably in various Club positions, including president, and is currently serving as secretary. Pat is one of those many city volunteers who place American flags along our streets each year.

Pat is a long time employee of El Paso Electric, serving as supervisor of financial forecasting. From 1988 to 1995 she was elected to serve on our City Council. She also served an unexpired term from 1996 to 1997. During these terms her commitment to the citizens of Horizon City increased while her understanding of Horizon City needs deepened. Not only does she spend many hours each week at City Hall taking care of city business, she has developed good working relationships with many local and state government officials. Those who have worked alongside Pat will agree that she is a person of integrity and good character. She has served us well for many years and is highly qualified to serve another term as our mayor. We all want to make Horizon City a better place to live. Stay with a proven leader, reelect Pat and keep our city on the right track.

Ben Narbuth
Horizon City

Dear Editor:

I was very happy to know that the tax payers passed the bond election to better our schools and education of our children in the community.

The only sad thing is that we have over 4,000 registered voters and only 278 voters decided for the whole community. Those that did not vote will be the ones complaining about their taxes.

We have an election coming up May 3, 2003 for board members' seats. We need more voters to go out and vote. Remember those who are elected will make decisions for our children and schools and employees of the district and community.

We need board members that are willing to work for the district and not for personal gain.

Johnny Gauna
Canutillo

Horizon

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vehicle proceeding in the same direction between the signs designating the school zones. Further details regarding the ordinance are available

at Town Hall.

In other business, council tabled the approval of a gift of 45 acres to allow further investigation of the area and any possible hazards it may have. The acreage is located in Section 7, block 77 near the Horizon Lake. Estimated value of the land is \$10,000.

The item is expected to be addressed at the next council meeting.

Council also approved John Hamilton as an additional Investment Broker for Horizon City, and approved the rezoning of Lots 1, 2 and 3 at Eastlake Commercial Unit II from R-2 residential to C-1 commercial.



Por la Gente By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

Bill aims to prevent false enrollment in Texas schools

Hola mi gente — Little by

little, Texas State property taxpayers have felt the fiscal pain regarding Public School Finance. During this 78th Legislature, we are facing a budget crunch. That is why I authored House Bill 2013 — a bill that would prevent out-of-state students who are living apart from their parents, guardians, or other persons who have lawful control, from enrolling in our schools for the sole purpose of avoiding enrollment in a school outside of the State of Texas.

HB 2013 would prevent any young person from attending our public schools if that person does not live with people who are legitimately related to him or her.

Thanks to my personal experience as an administrator for the Socorro Independent School District (SISD), I was able to witness the flow of students who enrolled in the district for the sole purpose of avoiding enrollment in a school outside of this state.

Problems begin occurring when you have a growing school district trying to adjust rapidly to its population, and the state has mandated that the school district must have a classroom ratio of twenty-two students per one teacher (22:1) K- 4th grade.

Unfortunately, one end result of not abiding by the rules is that many parents who do live within the SISD soon find that due to crowded classrooms, their children must attend another school, often located far from their place of residence. Is this fair for the parents, or the legal guardians of that child? Is it fair to the student? Is it fair to our taxpayers to burden them with the necessity of building more schools, or to lease/purchase portable classrooms? No. This is not fair.

With the introduction of HB 2013, the bill will provide a Board of Trustees the option to deny a student's admission if they find that the person's sole purpose is to avoid enrollment in a school outside of this state. Too often, a student will enroll in a Texas school, even though that

student may have access to institutions of higher learning in his/her state or country.

Since the belief is that Texas schools are better than schools outside of this state, the parents often make arrangements for their children to attend Texas schools. They may even pay money to a person who is not an immediate relative, so that the child may live with that person, and then claim that the person in question is a relative when, in reality, the person is not related in any way, shape, or form to the student in question.

In this case, HB 2013 will help to remedy the situation. I feel very strongly that the cost of allowing such students to attend Texas schools may be prohibitive, impacting heavily on the Texas taxpayer. In these days of tight budgets and crowded schools, and with Texas facing a shortfall that will dramatically impact on the state's ability to educate our children, a strong remedy is imperative.

Let me make clear that the bill does not punish those students who are

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



A taxing time of year

The week is finally upon us. By the time you read this column, you will have finished filing your taxes or filing for an extension. As we dove into the pamphlets, filled out the forms and contacted our accountants, many of us were wondering, "how much worse can it get?" The answer: much, much worse.

Would you believe that some members of Congress would like to do away with the tax relief that is putting money back in the hands of the American people and growing the economy. It's hard to believe, but it's true.

Under the previous administration, taxes reached an unprecedented high. The average family in America paid more in taxes than on food, clothing and shelter combined. But the tide has turned under President Bush. Last year, conservative members of Congress enacted the largest tax relief package in 20 years.

Spring should be the time of year when we take stock and focus our attention on the year ahead. But for most of us, spring is the season of headaches and frustration as we crunch and re-crunch numbers while filling out those dreaded IRS forms before the April 15 deadline. Instead of spending time with our families, we are stuck trying to figure out the federal tax code.

Here are some facts to help put in perspective the amount of time and money that is taken from us each year

- to pay our taxes.
- Americans pay more in taxes than for food, clothing and shelter combined.
- The IRS sends out eight billion pages of forms and instructions every year. Laid end to end, they would circle the globe 28 times.
- Taxes eat up over 38 percent of the average family's income.
- The average American worked until May 7 last year just to pay his or her share of federal, state and local taxes. That's the first 128 days of your year.
- This year nearly 60 percent of Americans will be forced to pay a tax professional to help them with their taxes.
- Almost the entire second income of a two-income family goes to pay taxes.
- Instructions for the 1040EZ, the easiest personal income tax form, are 33 pages long.

These are just a few reasons why this Congress is working hard to reduce your tax burden. We made great strides last year, but we still have a long way to go.

Families in Texas should not have to pay so much of their hard earned money in taxes or be hassled by a burdensome tax code. You deserve to keep more of what you earn so you can do more for your families, churches and communities.

After all, it is your money.

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TRUE TEXAS FACTS by Roger Moore April 13, 1832, Washington, D.C. Sam Houston "cane whips" Ohio Rep. William Stanberry for making insinuating comments about him in the House.



from out of state, or out of country, but who want to attend our schools, and will reside with their parents or guardian. Such a student, in order to attend our schools, must live with his mother, father, or both — or with a guardian or guardians who have a legitimate Texas address. As you may know, Federal Law insists that we educate every child, whether that child is here legally, or illegally. What I am attempting to cure in our school system is youngsters who enroll in our schools under false pretenses. If a student has a legitimate address, and lives with a legitimate parent(s), or guardian(s), then, by all means —

we should allow that student to attend our schools.

Remember, we are facing a very tight budget. Our schools are crowded as it is, and there is no relief in sight. I truly believe that HB 2013 is the way to go in order to secure cost measure opportunities for our taxpayers. I trust that you, my constituents, will agree with me that we must preserve our taxpayer dollars. That's it for now, my fellow El Pasoans. Rest assured that I will continue to keep you informed of any and all legislation that may impact on you. Until then, I remain your friend and fellow El Pasoan, Chente for la gente

EL PASO COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

NOTICE OF ELECTION

TO THE DULY QUALIFIED RESIDENT VOTERS OF EL PASO COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY:

Notice is hereby given that a bond election will be held for and within El Paso County Water Authority (the "District"), pursuant to an Order of the Board of Directors of said District passed on March 13, 2003. Said Order is on file at the office of the District located at 1539 Pawling Drive, El Paso, Texas 79928, where any interested person may refer to it for all purposes.

1. The election will be held between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 3, 2003, at the following locations:

Precinct Nos. 147 and 166:

Horizon Heights School, 13601 Ryderwood, El Paso, El Paso County, Texas;

Precinct Nos. 157, 167 and 168:

Desert Hills Elementary School, 300 Eastlake Drive,, El Paso, El Paso County, Texas

Precinct No. 148:

Sparks Community Center, 12899 Sparks Drive, El Paso, El Paso County, Texas

which are all public places, and shall conform to all the requirements of Chapters 49 and 54 of the Texas Water Code and of the Texas Election Code, so far as applicable.

2. All duly qualified resident electors of the District may vote at the bond election.

3. The proposition to be voted on in the election is as follows:

Shall the Board of Directors (the "Board") of El Paso County Water Authority (the "District") be authorized to issue the bonds of the District, maturing serially or otherwise over a period not to exceed forty (40) years from their date or dates, and to be issued and sold at any price or prices and to bear interest at any rate or rates as shall be determined within the discretion of the Board of Directors of the District at the time of issuance as authorized by law as now enacted or hereafter amended, for the purposes of (a) purchasing, constructing, acquiring, owning, operating, repairing, improving and extending a water and sanitary sewer system, including reclaimed water facilities, water plants and a sewage disposal plant for the District in the maximum amount not to exceed \$45,000,000, and/or (b) the refunding of any bonds or other evidences of indebtedness of the District which may be outstanding from time to time in the maximum amount not to exceed one and one-half times the amount of bonds or indebtedness issued for any lawful purpose of the District; and to provide for the payment of principal of and interest on such bonds by the levy and collection of a sufficient ad valorem tax authorized by Chapter 54 of the Texas Water Code, upon all taxable property within the District, all as authorized by the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas.

4. The District's Engineer and the District's Board of Directors estimate the following costs:

Water Improvements:	\$8,629,080
Wastewater Improvements:	\$20,756,910
Reclaimed Water Improvements:	\$2,788,000
System Rehabilitation:	\$1,562,400
Subtotal of Construction Costs:	\$33,736,390
Miscellaneous Non-Construction Costs:	\$11,263,610
Total Non-Construction Costs:	\$11,263,610
TOTAL COST OF BONDS:	\$45,000,000

The report fully explaining the above costs is on file in the District's office and open to inspection by the public.

5. The officers of such election shall be as follows:

Presiding Judge: Precinct Nos. 147 and 166:	Joan Truesdale
Precinct Nos. 157, 167 and 168:	Annie Pease
Precinct No. 148:	Venesa Cordero
Early Voting Clerk:	Howard Mowad

6. Early voting

Early voting by personal appearance shall be conducted at The Oz Glaze Senior Center, 13969 Veny Webb, El Paso County, Texas, a public place within the boundaries of the District. Early voting ballots for voting by mail may be obtained from and mailed to the Early Voting Clerk, County of El Paso Elections Department, 500 East San Antonio, Suite 402, El Paso, Texas 77909. The Early Voting Clerk shall keep the office for early voting by personal appearance open for such purposes from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on each day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or official State holiday, beginning on the seventeenth (17th) day and continuing through the fourth day preceding the date of such election. Beginning on the seventeenth day preceding election day, the Early Voting Clerk shall mail an absentee ballot to be voted by mail to each voter whose request therefore has been duly received by 5:00 p.m. on the fourth day preceding election day. Absentee ballots shall be received by mail through the election day for ballots mailed within the United States or through the second day following the election day for ballots mailed outside the United States.

Early voting by personal appearance will also be conducted at all locations within El Paso County, at which Early Voting is conducted by the County Elections Department beginning on April 16, 2003 and ending on April 29, 2003.

7. Any persons desiring assistance with American Indian language (Pueblo) translation may contact the Election Judge at the County of El Paso Elections Department, 500 East San Antonio, Suite 402, El Paso, Texas 77909, telephone number (915) 547-2154.

AVISO DE ELECCION

A LOS VOTANTES DEBIDAMENTE CALIFICADOS DE EL PASO COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY:

Por este medio se notifica que se llevará a cabo una elección de bonos para y dentro de El Paso County Water Authority (el "Distrito"), de acuerdo a una Orden del Consejo de Administración de dicha Autoridad, emitida el 13 de marzo de 2003. Dicha Orden se encuentra en los archivos en la oficina del Distrito, ubicada en 1539 Pawling Drive, El Paso, Texas, 79928, donde toda persona interesada puede consultarla para cualquier fin.

1. La elección se llevará a cabo entre las 7:00 AM y las 7:00 PM el sábado 3 de mayo de 2003, en los siguientes lugares:

Delegaciones 147 y 166:

Horizon Heights School, 13601 Ryderwood, El Paso, El Paso County, Texas;

Delegaciones 157, 167 y 168:

Desert Hills Elementary School, 300 Eastlake Drive, El Paso, El Paso County, Texas

Delegación No. 148:

Sparks Community Center, 12899 Sparks Drive, El Paso, El Paso County, Texas

Los cuales todos son lugares públicos y cumplirán con los requisitos de los Capítulos 49 y 54 del Código de Agua de Texas y el Código Electoral de Texas, en lo aplicable.

2. Todos los electores residentes debidamente calificados del Distrito pueden votar en la elección de bonos.

3. Las propuestas sujetas a votación en la elección son como siguen:

¿Se autoriza al Consejo de Administración (el "Consejo") de El Paso County Water Authority (el "Distrito") a emitir bonos del Distrito, que madurarán en serie o de otra forma abarcando un período que no excederá de cuarenta (40) años a partir de su fecha o fechas, y se emitirán y venderán a cualquier precio o precios y generarán intereses a cualquier tasa o tasas según se determinarán a discreción del Consejo de Administración del Distrito al momento de la emisión según autorice la ley ahora vigente o sus enmiendas sucesivas, para el propósito de (a) comprar, construir, adquirir, poseer, operar, reparar, mejorar y extender un sistema de agua y drenaje sanitario, incluyendo plantas de agua y una planta de desecho de aguas negras para el Distrito, en la cantidad máxima que no excederá \$45,000,000, y/o (b) el reembolso de cualquier bono u otra evidencia de deuda del Distrito que pudiera permanecer sin saldar de tiempo en tiempo en la cantidad máxima que no excederá de una vez y media la cantidad de bonos o de deuda emitida para cualquier propósito legal del Distrito; y proveer para el pago del capital y de los intereses de dichos bonos mediante la imposición y recolección de un impuesto suficiente al valor autorizado por el Capítulo 54 del Código de Agua de Texas, en todas las propiedades gravables dentro del Distrito, todo según se autoriza por la Constitución y las leyes de Texas?

4. El Ingeniero de Distrito y el Consejo de Administración del Distrito estiman los costos como sigue:

Mejoras al sistema de agua:	\$8,629,080
Mejoras al drenaje:	\$20,756,910
Mejoras a reclamación de aguas:	\$2,788,000
Rehabilitación del sistema:	\$1,562,400
Subtotal de costos de construcción:	\$33,736,390
Costos diversos no relacionados a la construcción:	\$11,263,610
Total de costos no relacionados a la construcción:	\$11,263,610
COSTO TOTAL DE LOS BONOS:	\$45,000,000

El informe que explica completamente los costos anteriores se encuentra archivado en la oficina del Distrito y abierto a la inspección por parte del público.

5. Los funcionarios para dicha elección serán como sigue:

Juez Presidente: Precinct Nos. 147 and 166:	Joan Truesdale
Precinct Nos. 157, 167 and 168:	Annie Pease
Precinct No. 148:	Venesa Cordero
Secretario de Votación Anticipada:	Howard Mowad

6. La votación

La votación anticipada por presentación personal se llevará a cabo en el Oz Glaze Senior Center, 13969 Veny Webb, Condado de El Paso, Texas, un lugar público dentro de los límites del Distrito. Las boletas para la votación anticipada por correo pueden obtenerse de, y devolverse por correo, al Secretario de Votación Anticipada, Condado de El Paso, Departamento de Elecciones, 500 East San Antonio, Suite 402, El Paso, Texas 77909. El Secretario de Votación Anticipada mantendrá abierta la oficina para votación anticipada por presentación personal para dichos fines, de las 8:00 AM a las 5:00 PM durante cada día que no sea Sábado, Domingo o día festivo estatal, comenzando el decimoséptimo (17) día y continuando hasta el cuarto día anterior a la fecha de dicha elección. Comenzando el decimoséptimo día anterior al día de la elección, el Secretario de Votación Anticipada enviará por correo una boleta para votar en ausencia, para ser devuelta por correo, a cada votante cuya solicitud se reciba antes de las 5:00 PM del cuarto día anterior al día de la elección. Las boletas en ausencia se recibirán por correo hasta el día de la elección para las boletas que se envíen por correo dentro de los Estados Unidos, o hasta el segundo día después del día de la elección, para las boletas que se envíen por correo desde fuera de los Estados Unidos.

La votación anticipada en persona se llevará a cabo en todas las locaciones en el Condado de El Paso, en donde se lleva a cabo votaciones tempranas manejadas por el Departamento de Elecciones del condado empezando el 16 de abril de 2003 y terminando el 29 de abril de 2003.

7. Toda persona que desee asistencia con traducción al idioma indígena americano (Pueblo) puede ponerse en contacto con el Juez de la Elección en el Departamento de Elecciones del Condado de El Paso, 500 East San Antonio, Suite 402, El Paso, Texas 77909, teléfono (915) 547-2154.

/s/ Kenneth W. Osmond

President, Board of Directors/Presidente, Consejo de Administración

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Bonds

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Damian Elementary School, and Canutillo Middle School; completing roof repair projects district-wide; installing new playground equipment at Childress Elementary School, Davenport Elementary School, Damian Elementary School, and Canutillo Middle School; making electrical and mechanical upgrades to Canutillo Elementary School, Canutillo Middle School, and the present Canutillo High School.

An additional benefit of the bond

END

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trade area in which there is significant movement of birds and poultry. State and federal authority is being imposed so that disease surveillance, testing and diagnosis can be conducted. It is customary for the USDA to quarantine additional counties, in order to create a 'buffer zone' around an infected county. The END outbreak must be stopped before it spreads to other backyard, hobbyist or exhibition flocks, or to the commercial poultry industry."

Dr. Hillman explained that the USDA is providing fair market payment for birds that must be destroyed during this disease outbreak. He stressed that END does not affect human health, nor does it affect poultry products or eggs.

"We are depending on bird and poultry owners to assist us in eradicating this disease outbreak," said Dr. Steven England, state veterinarian for the New Mexico Livestock Board. "Please report illness or unexpected death losses to your private veterinary practitioner or to the TAHC or New Mexico Livestock Board." The TAHC has a 24-hour hotline that can be reached at 1-800-550-8242, and the New Mexico Livestock Board can be called at (505) 841-6161.

END usually has a two to 15-day incubation period, and infected birds or poultry may exhibit signs of respiratory distress, including gasping or coughing. The virus also affects the central nervous system, causing infected birds to become paralyzed, develop muscle tremors or twist their necks. In some flocks, disease may strike quickly, and the only sign is death loss.

"We are asking for full cooperation from bird and poultry owners. Do not move birds from the quarantine area. Do not move birds within the area, either," he said. "If at all possible, keep birds in isolation on your premise, and ensure that no birds are introduced onto your property during the quarantine period."

Dr. Hillman said that the quarantines will last until state and federal animal health officials are certain all disease has been eradicated and that it is safe to resume normal movement and activities.

"Take precautions," said Dr. Hillman. "Clean your boots prior to entering bird pens. You could pick up contaminated manure on your footwear at the feed store, at the coffee shop, or at your neighbor's place. Use bleach and water or a commercial disinfectant to spray or dip your boots. Wear clean clothes when working with the birds. Clothing, too, can pick up viruses that can be transmitted to your birds."

"We can stop the spread of this disease, but only if we all work together quickly and cooperatively."

issue is that Canutillo ISD will now be able to provide a Pre-Kinder program at each elementary school for eligible children.

Canutillo ISD will again apply for state assistance through the Instructional Facilities Allotment (IFA) program. Should the Legislature appropriate funds and if CISD qualifies for IFA, the state would reimburse the District up to 66 percent of the construction cost. If the Legislature does not appropriate funds for the IFA pro-

gram or if the district does not qualify, it is still the Board's intent to sell the bonds, explained Tony Reza, CISD Comptroller.

"With IFA, the monthly tax increase would be \$1.77 or \$21.24 a year for taxpayers with a home valued at \$55,000 less a Homestead exemption of \$15,000. Without IFA, the monthly tax increase would be \$3.46 or \$41.52 a year for taxpayers with a home valued at \$55,000 less the Homestead exemption," Reza said.

Town of Horizon City PUBLIC NOTICE

During the regular council meeting on April 8, 2003, the Town of Horizon City approved the following:

- 1) Ordinance No. 0105 - Pursuant to Sections 51.001 and 51.012 of the Texas Local Government Code, the City Council of the Town of Horizon City hereby enacted and adopted the ordinance to regulate school zones and the speed limits within the territorial limits of the Town of Horizon City. Furthermore, whenever traffic engineering investigation discloses a need for safety precautions for schoolchildren, the street department is authorized to mark such locations as "school zones." Once school zones are established, traffic control signs or devices, will be marked to indicate that school is in session, and the prima facie speed limit within the said school zone.

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

Sandra Sierra
City Clerk

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Public Notice Clint Independent School District

Order of Cancellation

The Clint Independent School District Board of Trustees hereby cancels the election scheduled to be held on May 3, 2003, in accordance with Section 2.053(a) of the Texas Election Code. The following candidates have been certified as unopposed and are hereby elected as follows:

Orden de Cancelación

La Mesa Directiva del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Clint por la presente cancela la elección que, de lo contrario, se hubiera celebrado el día tres (3) de mayo de conformidad, con la Sección 2.053(a) del Código de Elecciones de Texas. Los siguientes candidatos han sido certificados como candidatos únicos y por la presente quedan elegidos como se haya indicado a continuación:

Candidates (Candidatos)

Alfred Phillip Gonzalez and Roberto Lara

Office Sought (Cargo a que presenta candidatura)

Trustee (At-Large)

A copy of this order will be posted on Election Day at each polling place that would have been used in the election.

El día de las Elecciones se exhibirá una copia de esta orden en todas las mesas electorales que se hubieran utilizado en la elección.

James R. Pendell
Presiding Officer / Oficial que Preside

April 14, 2003
Date of Adoption (Fecha de adopción)

City of Horizon City PUBLIC NOTICE

FAIR HOUSING A Fundamental Entitlement for all Americans

As we observe the 35th anniversary of the National Fair Housing Law, Horizon City joins others in El Paso County urging all citizens to become aware of and support the Fair Housing Law. Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, prohibits discrimination in housing and calls for a national policy for fair housing. This national policy can only be successful with the cooperation of all Americans. This policy prohibits discrimination against any person on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, handicap, familial status or national origin in the sale or rental of units in the housing market. The City Council of Horizon City proclaims April as Fair Housing Month.

For more information on Fair Housing or to report possible Fair Housing discrimination, call the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development at 1-800-669-9777.

Sandra Sierra
City Clerk

WTCC: 04/17/03

TORNILLO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE OF ELECTION

On February 17, 2003, at their regular meeting, the Board of Trustees of the Tornillo ISD ordered an election to be held on Saturday May 3, 2003, between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M., at the Tornillo ISD Central Office, 19200 Cobb Street, Tornillo, Texas, for the purpose of electing two (2) trustees. One for Place 6, and one for Place 7. All places are for full, three year terms.

Absentee voting by personal appearance will be conducted at the Tornillo ISD Central Office, 19200 Cobb Street, Tornillo, Texas, beginning April 16, 2003 through April 29, 2003, each weekday from 2:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to the Presiding Judge, Emma Davis, C/O P.O. Box 170, Tornillo, Texas, 79853. Applications for ballots by mail may be received beginning March 4, 2003 and must be received no later than 4:00 P.M. on April 25, 2003. Ballots by mail will be mailed by the presiding judge beginning March 19, 2003 and must be received by the presiding judge, by 9:00 A.M. on May 2, 2003.

Only duly qualified, registered voters of the Tornillo Independent School District and Precinct 161 shall be permitted to vote at such election.

DISTRITO DE LA ESCUELA DE TORNILLO AVISO DE ELECCION

El día 17 de Febrero, 2003, en la junta de la mesa directiva del distrito escolar de Tornillo dio aviso que se llevara a cabo una eleccion de regentes para la mesa directiva el sabado , 3 de Mayo, 2003, de 7:00 A.M. a 7:00 P.M. en la oficina centrales de Tornillo ISD, 19200 Cobb St., Tornillo, Texas, con el proposito de elegir dos (2) directores . Uno para puesto 6, y uno para puesto 7. Todos los puestos son de un termino de tres anos completos.

Votacion de ausencia en persona empieza el 16 de Abril, 2003 hasta el 29 de Abril, 2003 de las 2:00 P.M. a las 6:00 P.M., de lunes a viernes, en la oficina centrales de Tornillo ISD, P.M., 19200 Cobb Street, Tornillo, Texas . Boletos para votar en ausencia por correo se pueden conseguir con el juez que preside, ser enviadas a Emma Davis, C/O P.O. Box 170, Tornillo, Texas 79853. Aplicaciones para boletos por correo se deberan recibirse comenzando 4, de Marzo 2003, y recibirse para el fin de 25 de Abril, 2003 antes de las 4:00 P.M. Boletos por correo se comenzaran enviar por el juez que preside, comenzando el 19 de Marzo, 2003 y recibirse antes de las 9:00 A.M. el dia 2 de May, 2003.

Unicamente votantes registrados del distrito de la escuela de Tornillo y de Precinct 161 se permiten votar en esta eleccion.

WTCC: 4/10/03 & 4/17/03

We all like Mike but...

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

I've seen many outstanding athletes have their numbers retired at the end of their illustrious careers.

Heck, even the highly touted high school basketball player, LeBron James, had his number retired.

Some teams like the Boston Celtics and the New York Yankees enjoy the ritual so much that they are literally running out of numbers to retire.

But just when you thought you'd seen it all, something new happened in the retired-numbers' game last weekend.

Having a team retire your number is one thing, but when another team retires your number that's quite something else...and, in the words of *Star Trek's* Mr. Spock, "highly illogical captain."

But that's exactly what happened when the Miami Heat, a team that the great Michael Jordan has never had any association with whatsoever, retired his number 23.

Why would the Heat retire the number of a player that's never played for them? Don't get me wrong, it's a nice gesture, but kind of Twilight Zonish.

A banner was actually raised in Miami's arena that had the number 23 on it in half the Chicago Bulls' uniform and half the Washington Wizards' uniform.

Miami coach Pat Riley told the Miami crowd that no other Heat player will ever wear the number 23 again.

Again, a nice gesture but believe it or not, no Miami Heat player has ever had his number retired. Should a player on another team be the first player in franchise history to be recognized in that way?

Michael Jordan, in my opinion, is the best athlete to ever play basketball — though I believe the most valuable player ever to put on a pair of NBA sneakers was the great Bill Russell.

But I still don't know about the psyche of a team that hangs the banner of an opposing player in the rafters of its own arena.

What are the Heat going to do next, hang a "Lakers" banner in the rafters? Hey, how about

a "Tampa Bay rules" banner for all the Miami fans to admire?

This sounds familiar

Guess who's back in the news? Our old pal Darryl Strawberry.

You remember Darryl Strawberry. He's the guy that has made a habit of beating up women, driving his car like a hyper 17-year-old, philandering with women who don't happen to be his wife, going on binges of drugs and alcohol, making threats with deadly weapons, forgetting that he has to pay Uncle Sam a portion of his income every year in the form of taxes, failing to make spousal and child support payments...oh yeah, and he also played professional baseball for the New York Mets and Yankees, among other teams.

Well, Strawberry was released from prison last weekend and he says that his stint there was the best thing for him.

Serving 11 of his 18-month sentence, Strawberry says that now he finally gets it. He says he now knows that he was doing wrong and that he has learned from his mistakes.

I don't know about you but all this sounds vaguely familiar. Hasn't Strawberry sworn up and down through the years that he had learned his lesson and he was a new and improved human being?

And he expects us to believe him now.

For his sake, I hope Strawberry has finally put his life in order but just like my father-in-law always says — "I was born at night...but not last night."

Double trouble

There must have been something out of alignment in the universe last Sunday because something happened that I never thought would.

How often have you seen, when they need it the most, Tiger Woods or Serena Williams not be able to summon up all their athletic resources and come through with an outstanding performance to claim victory?

The chances are slim but they have faltered on occasion.

Now when was the last time they failed to come through on the *same day*? I'll tell you when — last Sunday.

Last Sunday, Serena Williams was beaten in the finals of the Family Circle Cup tournament in Charleston, S.C. for the first time this season. And Tiger Woods shot a final round 75 in the Masters and was never in contention after a double-bogey on the third hole.

Last Sunday was very unique watching Williams and Woods fail on the same day.

Truth is, we'll probably never see it again.

Briefs

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international folklorico dancer and historian Rosa Guerrero will be at the Fabens High School Careers in Education Fair on May 3, 10 a.m., as the keynote speaker. The event is an effort to promote education as a career to meet demands being placed on educators because of the current accountability system under the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) initiatives. The event will also feature entertainment by the Fabens Middle School Guitar Class, the O'Donnell Ballet Folklorico Dance Group, and more. Call Ileana Ayala at 764-3711, ext. 200 or 892-6173.

■ The El Paso County Water Authority (EPCWA) which serves the greater Horizon area has been notified that it is authorized to display the "Superior Public Water System" signage on highways entering the district. The rating was given by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality based on a recent sanitary survey and re-

view of EPCWA records.

■ Canutillo Independent School will hold early registration for four and five year olds for the 2003-2004 school year from 2:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on the following dates and locations:

- Monday, May 5 at Childress Elementary School (877-7700), 7700 Cap Carter Rd.;
 - Tuesday, May 6 at Damian Elementary School (877-7655), 6300 Strahan;
 - Wednesday, May 7 at Canutillo Elementary School (877-7600), 651 Canutillo Ave.;
 - Thursday, May 9, at Davenport Elementary School (886-6400), 8401 Remington.
- To register a child, parent or guardian must bring the child's birth certificate, shot record, child's social security card, proof of residence, income verification, and parent or guardian identification. Classes for 2003-2004 school year are scheduled to start Monday, August 18. Three-year-old children may register at Headstart at 877-1095. For more information, call 877-7440.

■ Socorro High School will send five students to the national Health Occupations Student of

America leadership conference in Atlanta, Georgia, June 18-21, after they finished in the upper levels of state competition. Saul Anaya, Sam Le, Ubaldo Fernandez, and Adrian Passdar-Shirazi will compete as a debate team addressing biomedical issues and Melissa Pol in health career poster competition. Victoria Castellanos was elected a state officer and will make the trip as well.

■ Fabens ISD will conduct a Pre-K and Kindergarten "Round-Up" registration on Friday and Saturday, May 2-3, at Risinger Primary for children ages four and five on or before Sept. 1 of this year. Registration date and time is based on the month of the child's birth — contact Risinger for specific date and hour of registration. Parents or guardians registering children should bring birth certificate, health and immunization record, Social Security card, proof of residence and for Pre-K, proof of income. Immunizations will be offered on Saturday for \$10.

■ Horizon City will conduct its annual City Cleanup Days on April 25-26, 8 a.m. to noon. Volunteers who have not already registered

may call Town Hall at 852-1046 to join the effort.

■ American Legion Post 598 will host a pancake breakfast on Easter Sunday, April 20, from 9 a.m. to noon. The event will be at the Veterans Hall, 13000 Horizon Blvd., and breakfast will be all-you-can-eat for \$4.

■ "The boys of summer need the men in blue," said Fred Villalobos of the Lower Valley Umpire Association, which is seeking baseball officials to serve during the softball and Little League season of 2003. Persons interested in serving in this most important way can contact Villalobos at 851-6542 or 663-4009 gets his digital pager.

■ There will be roses on the Rio Grande as the El Paso Rose Society and the El Paso Parks and Recreation Department present the 47th Annual Rose Show at Bassett Center in El Paso on April 27. Public entries of named roses are welcome from 7:30 to 10 a.m., and public viewing begins at noon. An awards ceremony will be held at 5:30 p.m. Information: 751-3631.

King Super Crossword

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 - 9 TV's " _ Bridges"
 - 13 Canadian peninsula
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 - 19 _ Spumante
 - 20 Director Kazan
 - 21 Chaos
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 - 26 Big kid?
 - 27 Lofty
 - 28 Ford of football
 - 30 Hightailed it
 - 31 One of a bunch
 - 34 Green Bay Packers stadium
 - 39 Dieter's snack
 - 41 Streep of "The Hours"
 - 42 Act like a stallion
 - 43 Loathe
 - 44 Bucks beginning
 - 46 Mine car
 - 48 Coronet
 - 51 Gray matter?
 - 52 Occult
 - 54 The _ Brothers
 - 56 Depart
 - 58 Still's partner
 - 60 He gave us a lift
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 - 77 Jackie of "The Tuxedo"
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 - 86 Budge
 - 88 Eye opener?
 - 91 Shortstop Pee Wee
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 - 99 Come in
 - 101 Job opening
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 - 107 One of the Osmonds
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 - 10 Bristol brew
 - 11 " _ vous plait"
 - 12 Berry of "Monster's Ball"
 - 13 Silence
 - 14 Writer Rand
 - 15 British county
 - 16 Pansy part
 - 17 Correct
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 - 23 Raison d' _
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 - 36 Criticize
 - 37 Went down in history?
 - 38 "Dies _"
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 - 40 Green Mountain Boys leader
 - 41 Cocktail choice
 - 43 Actor's lunch?
 - 45 Pontiac model
 - 47 Consolidate
 - 49 Green Party candidate
 - 50 Saint Theresa's home
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 - 53 Quotes an expert
 - 55 "My fault!"
 - 57 007's school
 - 59 Baseball's Guidry
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 - 67 Roman magistrate
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 - 73 Donnybrook
 - 75 Exploits
 - 76 It has a bit part
 - 77 "Fantasia" frame
 - 79 Fussess with feathers
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 - 85 Alabama city
 - 87 _ Grande
 - 89 Seldom seen
 - 90 "The A-Team" actor
 - 92 Forest father
 - 94 Wander
 - 96 Clout a cad
 - 97 "Eugene Onegin" character
 - 100 Tell tales
 - 102 Increased by 200%
 - 104 Full array
 - 106 Tie the knot
 - 108 Land in the sea
 - 110 Ferrer musical
 - 111 Done for
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 - 113 Scandinavian
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 - 115 Fern feature
 - 119 Harbinger
 - 121 Put on a happy face
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 - 128 Poetic preposition
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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



When is 'inappropriate' appropriate?

By Don Flood

More than ever, today's CEO needs vision, energy — and a darn good thesaurus.

This occurred to me after a recent announcement from Bristol-Myers Squibb Co.

No big thing, really. The company was just announcing a teensy-weensy overstatement of its sales for the past three years: \$2.5 billion.

That's right, \$2.5 billion, which to most people sounds like a ton of money.

But not to the folks at Bristol-Myers Squibb.

Judging by their announcement, you'd think two and half billion dollars was small change.

Their word to describe a \$2.5 billion accounting overstatement? "Inappropriate."

Isn't that a nice word? The company seems to take some responsibility, but not too much, lest someone suspect there was financial hanky-panky going on.

(Discussion question: Where the heck did the phrase "hanky-panky" come from?)

According to the American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language, "inappropriate" means "not suitable for a particular occasion."

It even includes a helpful example: "inappropriate shoes for a walk on the beach."

That's probably what they had in mind in the Bristol-Myers Squibb accounting and legal departments.

Misstating \$2.5 billion in sales was sort of like wearing "inappropriate" shoes to a barbecue or showing up for a golf match wearing a T-shirt.

I imagine the conversation between the CEO and PR went something like this:

CEO: Today's the day you're going to earn your pay. We need a good way to describe a \$2.5 billion overstatement of sales.

PR: How about "criminal"?

CEO: No, I don't think we're on the same page here. I'm talking

about our company.

PR: Our company overstated sales by \$2.5 billion?

CEO: Yes. We need a good way to describe it.

PR: Outrageous?

CEO: I don't think so.

PR: Shameful?

CEO: Nope.

PR: Disgraceful?

CEO: Not quite what we're looking for.

PR: Scandalous?

CEO: I think the board wants something that sounds more ... innocent.

PR: Virtuous?

CEO: No, but I like the direction you're going.

PR: I was kidding!

CEO: Oh, I was really counting on you to help with this.

PR: I'm sorry, sir, but I'm afraid this whole conversation is becoming inappropriate.

CEO: Inappropriate! Yes, of course!

PR: You agree this conversation is inappropriate?

CEO: No, silly! Inappropriate is the perfect word.

PR: Excuse me, sir. You're saying "inappropriate" is the perfect way to describe a \$2.5 billion overstatement?

CEO: Yes, and I'm putting you down for a raise!

PR: Oh, well, that would certainly be ... appropriate.

But what does this mean to regular guys like you and me?

Take taxes, for instance.

If a company overstating its sales by \$2.5 billion is "inappropriate," then a taxpayer overstating charitable contributions by a few bucks is at worst negligible and at best pretty doggone honorable and upright.

I mean, it's not like making up a whopper, like \$10,000 in donations.

That, of course, would be "inappropriate."

Special note to IRS officials: I'M JUST KIDDING!

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SELF-HELP

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For Sanity's Sake By Taprina Milburn

Brave and Courageous Parents

By now, most of you have said goodbye to a neighbor, a brother, sister, husband or wife who serves in the military and who is now in the Middle East.

We've read names on prayer lists and heard stories in the lines at grocery stores about the concern for the safety and speedy return of loved ones fighting in Iraq.

When my kids learned of their uncle's orders to leave for the conflict, they cried. They can't fathom what it must be like for their cousins

to send their dad off to war. They only know they never want to do so for their own father.

We've been fielding such questions from our kids as: "Do children die in war?" "Does God want war?" "Will we ever fight in the United States?" "When will it be over?" And, "Why do American journalists broadcast all our war plans? Don't they know the enemies have televisions?" (Out of the mouths of babes.)

No doubt you are answering some

of these same questions in your own homes.

When we received the news about our relative, my son pulled out of his closet boxes of army men and has since processed everything that must be going through his head by playing out battles on our den coffee table.

And this was fine, until yesterday when he said to me: "Mom, I've made up my mind; I'm going to be a soldier when I grow up."

This coming from a 7-year-old who in one day has wanted to be everything from a carpenter to a professional baseball player. But on this day, a day when we had several American casualties, my heart did flip-flops.

And I began to look at this war not only through the eyes of my children, but through the eyes of mothers and fathers — parents who taught their sons and daughters how to tidy their bedrooms and comb their hair. Parents who put Band-Aids on boo-boos and made sure the tooth fairy never forgot to look under their pillows. Parents who helped grow their children into adults who made a commitment to protect their fellow man — even those who don't support them in the very effort they find themselves in today.

What does it take to be the parent of a soldier?

I watched an interview with one mother who perhaps summed it up

best when talking about her son: "You feel proud and scared in the same breath. When I look at him I still see the little boy I raised, but I know that he is really now a brave man."

It takes some courage to go into parenting, knowing that our children are only on loan to us from God — and that every day our job is to help shape them into the men and women they will be when they leave our homes to start their own families, build their own businesses or even defend our country.

I suspect that behind every brave and courageous soldier is a brave and courageous family.

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THURSDAY	THUR. NIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
▲ 78°	▼ 52°	▲ 72° ▼ 48°	▲ 74° ▼ 44°	▲ 76° ▼ 48°	▲ 82° ▼ 54°	▲ 78° ▼ 50°	▲ 76° ▼ 48°

UV INDEX Statistics for noon.

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

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

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Thursday	75°
Friday	64°
Saturday	64°
Sunday	63°
Monday	75°
Tuesday	72°
Wednesday	69°

AGRICULTURE

There will be 8-10 hours of sunshine Thursday and Friday with a gusty wind at times. There can be areas of blowing dust each day. Still breezy Saturday with sunshine for the most part, then less wind Sunday and Monday as weak ridging builds overhead. No meaningful rainfall is expected over the next 5-7 days.

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Anthony	78	51
Canutillo	79	52
Clint	79	51
E. Montana	78	52
Fabens	79	51
Horizon	79	52
San Elizario	75	49
Socorro	77	51
Tornillo	79	51
Vinton	79	52

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



TRAVELERS CITIES

City	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.
	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W
Albuquerque	72/40/pc	62/39/c	61/39/c	66/43/pc	71/44/s
Atlanta	78/56/pc	72/59/c	76/59/pc	76/59/pc	72/53/c
Atlantic City	51/44/c	51/48/r	58/48/pc	65/47/pc	65/48/pc
Austin/San Antonio	82/63/pc	81/65/pc	82/66/c	79/53/pc	81/61/s
Baltimore	58/46/c	54/46/r	68/48/pc	70/50/pc	70/53/c
Boston	40/32/c	40/36/r	54/42/pc	58/44/pc	56/39/c
Chicago	44/34/r	52/40/pc	58/42/pc	57/43/r	58/33/c
Dallas/Ft. Worth	78/62/pc	77/61/c	77/62/c	75/52/c	75/56/s
Denver	64/34/pc	56/31/c	51/34/c	58/37/pc	63/38/c
Flagstaff	46/28/pc	44/22/c	45/22/pc	55/27/pc	58/21/pc
Houston	86/66/s	82/66/pc	82/68/c	82/62/c	79/61/pc
Kansas City	67/40/pc	61/47/pc	63/48/pc	60/46/r	65/34/c
Las Vegas	66/48/c	68/48/c	70/50/s	78/54/s	80/54/s
Miami	86/70/pc	86/71/pc	87/72/s	85/73/pc	85/69/s
Minneapolis	48/30/c	54/35/pc	54/39/c	58/37/c	57/27/c
New Orleans	84/65/s	81/66/pc	83/66/pc	81/65/pc	81/62/s
New York City	40/38/c	45/44/r	60/49/pc	62/48/pc	63/51/c
Philadelphia	52/44/c	52/46/r	64/48/pc	68/50/pc	66/51/c
Phoenix	74/53/s	72/52/pc	70/57/pc	82/60/s	86/44/s
Portland	55/46/c	62/44/pc	60/42/pc	59/42/c	60/33/pc
San Francisco	64/50/pc	64/50/pc	66/50/s	64/50/pc	62/34/pc
Seattle	54/44/sh	60/42/pc	58/42/c	56/41/c	57/36/pc
Tucson	76/48/s	72/44/pc	70/46/pc	79/50/s	83/50/s
Washington, DC	58/48/c	58/48/r	70/52/pc	72/54/pc	71/56/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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