

NEWSBRIEFS

False alarm

The Horizon City Police Dept. is notifying residents that a recently passed ordinance regulating false alarms in home security systems has now gone into effect. The ordinance requires that all existing alarm holders as well as new installations obtain an alarm permit from the City at a fee of \$30 for residential and \$60 for commercial, to cover a three-year period. If there are no false alarms during this time, the renewal permit is free. However, if five false alarms are responded to within those three years, there will be a fine imposed of \$50 per false alarm after the fifth has been confirmed. Continuous violation may result in revocation of the permit. Copies of the ordinance are available at the Horizon City Town Hall, 14999 Darrington Rd. and permits are available at that location.

Pool alarm

The death of a 22-year-old soldier who was trained for combat but died in an apparent diving accident at an apartment pool in El Paso this weekend illustrates how quickly and easily injury and sometimes death can occur in what may seem an innocuous environment — your backyard. There were three drownings in El Paso County in 2002 in pools meant for enjoyment and relaxation. Safety officials are encouraging property-owners with pools to be particularly careful by putting up fences around pools and taking down the diving boards. Adults most frequently are injured as a result of diving accidents when they fail to determine that the water is deep enough or if they are otherwise impaired by influences such as alcohol. Children are naturally at risk and should be enrolled in water safety classes and constantly supervised when near water.

In other news

■ Horizon City American Legion Post #598 will again host a celebration of the Fourth of July honoring the independence of our nation. Community festivities will begin at 6 p.m. with food, games, door prizes and something special for the kids. Fireworks will begin at dark. The Post is located at 13000 Horizon Blvd. Call 852-4823 for information.

■ Community Options, a non-profit organization serving individuals with developmental disabilities, will host its Fourth Annual Rummage Sale at the Blue Sage Market parking lot at Redd Rd. and Reslar on Saturday, June 14, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Proceeds from the fundraiser go to support various programs and services for persons with severe and profound disability. Donations are also welcome, call David Herman at 772-6044 for information.

■ Bienestar Familiar, a non-profit organization that provides free wellness

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Example is not the main thing in influencing others. It is the only thing.
— Quips & Quotes



CAPS OFF FOR CAPPIES AWARD WINNERS — Shown from left: Albert Palacios, Rene Encina, Rosa Anderson, Helen Jaksch, Jessica Contreras (kneeling). Second row: Lenin Navar, Sandra Cuevas, Patrick Carrillo, Vicky Apodaca, Andrew Covarrubias, Ivette Jasso, Adriana Sandoval and Cappies mentor Joe Cook.

Budding actors are honored by toughest critics — their peers

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — Students in the Socorro schools' drama and theater programs earned top honors during the recent Cappies award ceremony staged in Socorro High School's Performing Arts Center June 4.

The Cappies program is a national organization of high school students interested in all facets of theater. Local chapters provide student reviews of plays and musicals produced by other local schools. The reviews are published in local newspapers, and the organization sponsors awards for the best actors and productions of the school year. Socorro's three high schools, plus Ysleta ISD's Eastwood, Del Valle, Bel Air, and El Paso ISD's Austin High School participate in the awards ceremony. SHS drama instructor Troy Herbort helped create the El Paso Cappies organization.

"The program has done a lot for educational theater community. It's completely student-driven. The students see other shows, write the reviews and decide who the award winners are, and we have a better understanding of what other programs are doing."

Socorro High School's Rene Encina was voted best male critic of plays, while Helen Jaksch and Ivette Jasso tied for the female critic

award. "All the critics who review the shows are experienced student actors," Encina says, "and as a result of watching other talented performers, their acting abilities improve. I gained confidence in my writing skills because some reviews were due the day after the performance." As for performance awards, Socorro High School's Patrick Carrillo won a Cappies award for the school's production of *Little Shop of Horrors*.

- Vicky Apodaca won the Props and Effects award, also for *Little Shop of Horrors*.

- The Male Dancer award went to Montwood High School's Matthew Duran for his performance in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*.

- Americas High School's Mark Fierro won the Cappie for his role in *Jesus Christ Superstar*, while Tammy Partanen was voted best Comic Actress in Montwood High School's *The Butler Did It*.

- The Cappie award for Featured Actor in a Musical went to Lenny Peralta-Rios for his role in Socorro High School's *The Hobbit*.

- And Ivette Jasso of Socorro High School was voted best Featured Actress in a Musical, also for *The Hobbit*.

Chamizal on talent search for upcoming Border Fest

EL PASO COUNTY — The 30th annual Chamizal Festival, a celebration of the border, will be held October 10-12 on the Chamizal National Memorial grounds, 800 South San Marcial, in El Paso, according to Virginia Ness, Arts Director.

With the goal of celebrating the cultural richness of the border region of Mexico and the United States, "we have begun a talent search for outstanding individuals and groups who represent the broad base of cultural influences along the border," Ness said.

Past performers have included such performers as Tish Hinojosa, Steve Smith, Bob Burns, Santiago Jimenez Jr., Johnny Whelan, Monica Gomez, the Molly's, Washtub Jerry, dancers from Veracruz, Mexico and hoop dancing. Story tellers are also an important component

of the festival. Artisans representing the traditional fields of spinning, weaving, carving, doll making, flint knapping, tinwork and retablo painting have also participated in the festival.

Traditional based musicians and artisans who are interested in sharing their art form with the public are invited to contact the Memorial.

Festival participants also support the festival's student outreach program.

Interested performers are encouraged to submit a CD of their work, along with background information. Artisans and dancers should submit a description of their work and provide photographs or slides to support their submission.

All applications should be delivered to the Memorial by June 18. For additional information, call 532-7273.

Quarantine on poultry is lifted except for small area in Socorro

EL PASO COUNTY — With the exception of a very small area of Socorro, in El Paso County, the state and federal quarantines and movement restrictions on birds and poultry movement were lifted on June 5 on El Paso and Hudspeth Counties in Texas, and on Luna, Otero, and Dona Anna Counties in New Mexico.

Since April 10, the five counties have been quarantined while regulatory veterinarians and animal health inspectors worked to eradicate an outbreak of Exotic Newcastle Disease (END) in El Paso County.

"We are very happy to announce that END, a deadly foreign viral disease that affects only birds and poultry, has been wiped out in El Paso County. This disease does not affect human health or the safety of food, but it can devastate bird and poultry operations," said Dr. Bob Hillman, Texas state veterinarian and head of the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock and poultry health regulatory agency.

"Thanks to the cooperation of bird owners and the dedicated work of staff from the TAHC, New Mexico Livestock Board, other state agencies, and USDA, this disease did not spread beyond one backyard flock of birds," he said. "To be certain, however, the teams tested more than 800 flocks within the five-county area and distributed disease prevention information to dozens of feed stores, producers, flea markets, pet stores and other retail and wholesale outlets where birds and bird-related products are sold."

"With the exception of a very small area in Socorro all movement restrictions in the five-county area have been lifted," said Dr. Hillman.

He explained that Texas must maintain a small, specified quarantined area for six months to regain international trading status for poultry and poultry products. This area encompasses the premises where END infection was detected, along with a small buffer zone. It is bounded by Tokay Avenue on the north, Fredonia Street on the east, Vineyard Road on the south, and Muscat Street on the west. Birds may be moved from this specific area only under a permit issued by USDA or TAHC personnel.

"We have been particularly fortunate that END did not become widespread in Texas or New Mexico," commented Dr. Hillman. "In southern California, an END outbreak has been battled since October 2002, and it has spread among backyard poultry and to 22 commercial poultry operations. More than 3.5 million birds have been euthanized to stop the spread of the disease. Because END is a foreign animal disease, trade restrictions can be harsh, and it will be some time before California fully recovers international markets for poultry and poultry products."

Dr. Hillman referred bird owners in Texas to the TAHC's 24-hour hotline at 1-800-550-8242 or to the USDA's Veterinary Services office in Texas at 512-916-5552. In New Mexico, bird owners may call the New Mexico Livestock Board at 505-841-6161 or the USDA's Veterinary Services office in New Mexico at 505-761-3160.



One perspective

By Francis Shrum

Dust in the wind

Drought.

The word sounds innocuous enough. When you say it out loud it doesn't carry the full impact of what this weather phenomenon can do — is doing — to the land and the food producing ability of this nation.

The majority of our populace generally doesn't live close to the land anymore so we don't share that day-to-day dependence and intimate awareness of what the weather is doing. Especially here in the sunny Southwest we are seldom bothered by the vagaries of nature — the storms, rain and snow that are necessary evils to keeping the earth lubricated.

Mostly we just want to know whether the roadways will be clear to and from work and whether or not we'll be able to engage in our preferred weekend activity. We are the proverbial grasshopper who slept through summer only to starve in the cold months to come.

Not that we could do much about it, of course. Nature does as nature will. So I suppose ignorance is bliss.

Except it is getting harder and harder to remain ignorant.

It is getting harder to think of drought as just a word they use on the news or when your local water provider is going to mess with your water bill.

It's getting personal.

My mother was visiting this week, sitting on the glider on the back porch in the balmy evening. I was watering a few new baby trees with the hose, listening to the screams and shouts as the girls jumped on the trampoline with the little neighbor boy and the smallest of my grandboys. A few strains of mariachi music floated from a distance house.

It was the kind of evening you want to bottle up or put in a pretty box to take out later and enjoy again.

But I had this crawly feeling on the back of my neck, one of those vague warnings that something isn't quite right, almost an impending sense of doom. Then the wind hit.

It hadn't even been breezy that day. But suddenly it was just there. And it wasn't just the wind. The wind was carrying things — stinging bits of sand, broken pieces of trees and pine needles.

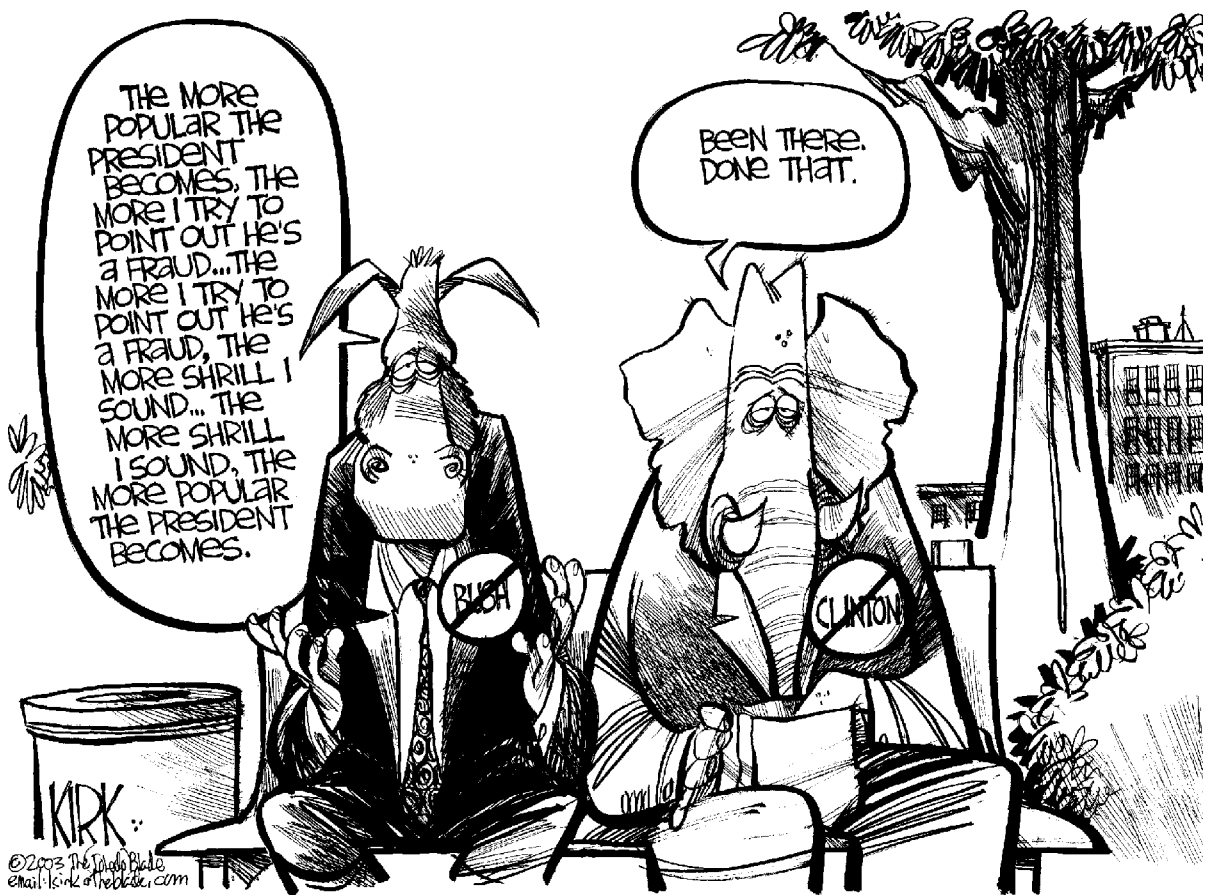
Everybody cleared the back yard like rats leaving a sinking ship. I finished my watering, eyes stinging and skin scrubbed by a layer of sandy sod.

And suddenly it occurred to me that this has been happening with increasing frequency. The dust never lays. It just hangs there waiting to be whipped into a frenzy by erratic winds. And I have the increasing sense that I am witnessing what the Oklahomans saw in the early days of the dust bowl, when blinding dust storms were not just an irritating by-product of spring but were a daily ritual of endurance.

A few days later I took my mother home to where my parents live far to the east of El Paso. We sat on the front porch at about 5:30 p.m. watching a towering wall of dust descend on us from the west. It rose high into sky, obliterating the sun, propelled by a fierce wind that alternated between blistering hot and icy cold.

On it came until it towered over us, whipping the dust into slithering, writhing columns of dirt and debris. As it rushed overhead I realized I was holding my breath at the magnificence of the display. Then the lights

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Por la Gente By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla



Rep says session had 'low-lights'

Hola mi gente. I'm really happy to say that my first Legislative session, as your Representative from District 75, ended with a bang. As a freshman, the lessons I've learned will stand me in good stead the rest of my tenure. I'm proud that I stood by my convictions on several of the issues that materialized during the 78th Legislative Session.

A \$9.9 billion budget shortfall along with major issues in homeowner's insurance premiums, tort reform and public education finance were amongst the top of the list of this year's legislative agenda. In my opinion, one of the highlights was the Legislature targeting El Paso for a four-year medical school. But, the highlight proved to be a low-light, because nobody told us where the money for the medical school is coming from. Even though \$4 million had been set aside for the medical school that appropriation fell by the way-side, when Republican Senate and

House leaders removed that money from the total budget.

Instead, they substituted a suggestion that Republican Governor Rick Perry take \$2 million from a \$295 million enterprise fund, to cover that expense. The problem with that, however, is that we must depend on Perry to do what's right. Will he do it? It remains to be seen. The Legislature gave Perry the \$295 million from the state's rainy day fund of \$1.3 billion.

To my way of thinking, this gives Perry quite a bit of leeway in whether he conducts business as usual, or whether he holds a smoking gun to our heads by saying that he'll give El Paso the \$2 million, but on the condition that we agree to take up redistricting during a special Legislative session. Rumors are that a 30-day special session of the legislature will be called on or about June 30, at a cost to Texas taxpayers of \$1.7 million.

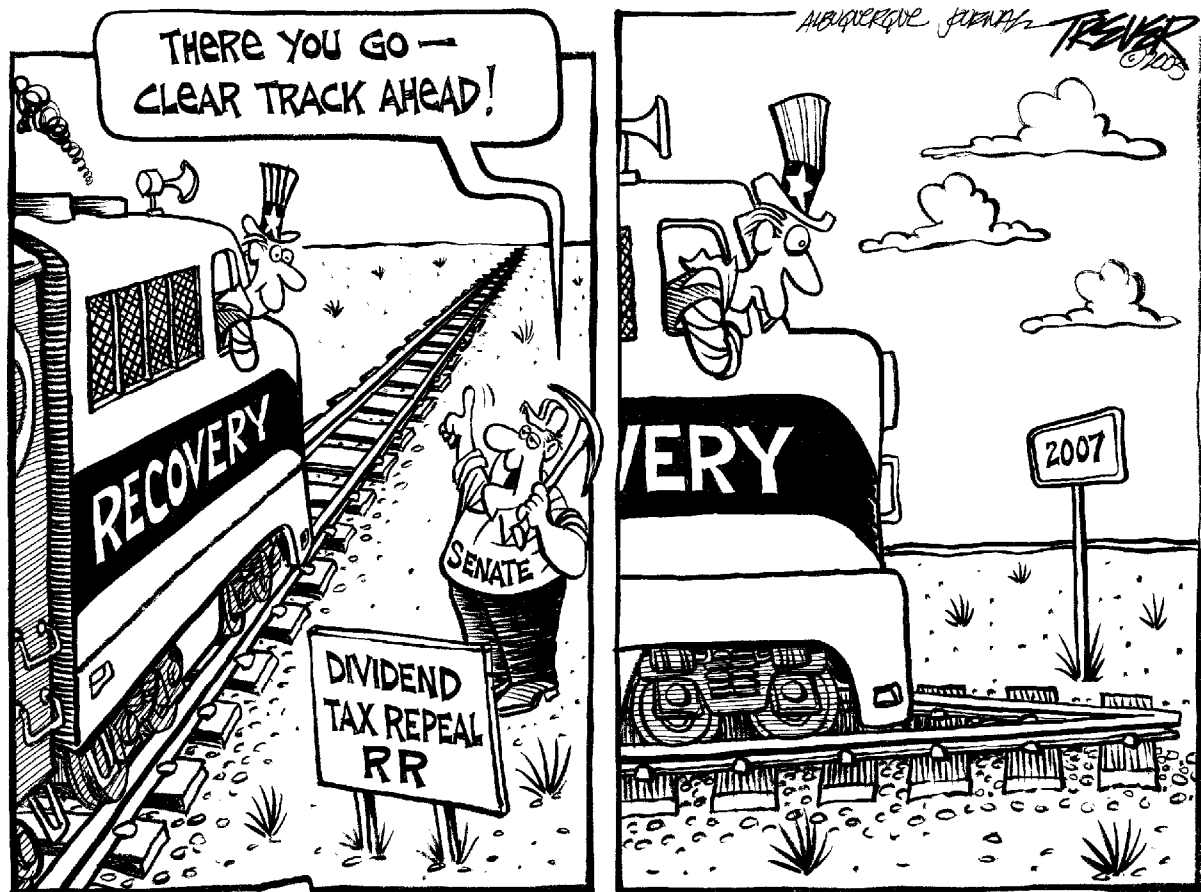
Redistricting, as most of you know, became a contentious issue that doesn't seem to want to go away. Republican leaders, of course, are anxious to call a special session to

work on redistricting, because it will help to increase their power base. In short, Republicans want to increase their representation in Congress by reworking districts that they feel should be Republican. Even though the issue had already been decided last year, we are being asked to revisit the plan.

A session on redistricting and government reorganization would be in addition to the special session Perry has committed to call regarding school finance. That session should take place this fall, or next year. My dear friends, redistricting is the main reason why more than 50 of us Democrats walked out in protest. We don't want to revisit that issue. But, it seems that it's going to be shoved down our throats — like it or not. And, it gets more interesting by the minute. To my way of thinking, there were very few highlights, but many low-lights. Some of the low points of the proposed budget include:

- Eligibility for the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)

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The future of homeland security

From the terrorist tragedies of September 2001 to the war in Iraq, world events have driven home the need for homeland security. Whether it is the security of our borders or the security of high-tech systems that let law enforcement agencies quickly and securely share vital information, Americans now demand that our nation deploy the most effective, proven technologies available to protect them.



By U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla

Eye on D.C.

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less of state lines and jurisdictions. CISA-net was established to overcome these barriers and give law enforcement officials a vital tool for their fight in the war on drugs.

Our committee has provided funding for this project as part of several annual federal appropriations bills, and the system soon became both operational and widely successful. Law enforcement officials' ability to share information with confidence and speed led to the program being expanded to thwart money laundering and illegal weapons distribution; to develop criminal histories across multiple states and jurisdictions; and even to track missing persons.

As a Texan, I'm proud of the unique role our state has played in carrying out its responsibilities through monitoring and protecting the border and coastal areas we share with our international partner, Mexico. As Congress and state governments consider how to establish greater homeland security, initiatives well underway in Texas should serve as a national model for the deployment of high-tech, practical security programs to defeat terrorists and prevent weapons of mass destruction from entering the country.

Law enforcement officials in Texas now employ an information network, CISA-net, established by the Criminal Information Sharing Alliance (CISA). A successful program that I have championed as a national model, this network is also used by all the Southwest states that share a border with Mexico.

Established in 1997 as a drug interdiction program, the heart of CISA-net is its ability to let local, state and federal officials share vital information securely. Prior to this network, each law enforcement agency maintained its own limited criminal information system. Because the systems were so different, from the computers they used to the security policies they had in place — sharing of

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CISA-net is fully operational in Texas, California, Arizona and New Mexico. Other states are now joining to take advantage of this successful government program. Efforts are now underway to expand the network to other states and integrate applications with multiple federal agencies. And I will continue to support CISA-net in Congress and look forward to working with the network officials to highlight this program as national model to help achieve our nation's homeland security objectives.

We should all be proud that our Texas law enforcement officials, Information Technology professionals and technology companies are at the forefront of such cutting edge initiatives. Providing a secure information-sharing network among authorized government and law enforcement officials means a safer nation for us all.

Reyes Reports By U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes

Bills affecting military being debated



As the temperature heats up in El Paso, so does the legislation on Capitol Hill affecting military families.

Newly passed legislation — H.R. 1954, the Armed Forces Naturalization Act of 2003 — will benefit the thousands of immigrants serving in uniform, as well as their families. This bill updates current law, known as the Immigration and Nationality Act. Under current law, immigrants seeking to naturalize are required to serve three years in the military during non-hostile periods. This bill will reduce the required military service to one year. It also prohibits naturalization application or certificate fees or related State Department documentation fees for armed forces members seeking to naturalize, and waives fees on families applying for posthumous citizenship for their loved ones killed in the line of duty. This bill expedites the naturalization process by allowing military members to conduct their naturalization interviews, oaths, and citizenship

ceremonies at U.S. embassies, consulates and military bases abroad. This legislation also pays tribute to immigrants who have been killed while serving this country by including provisions for their families. The new bill ensures that lawful permanent resident spouses, unmarried children, and parents of soldiers killed as a result of service in the U.S. military may apply for permanent residency status.

There are lawful permanent residents serving at Fort Bliss and across the country. An estimated two million Hispanics have served with distinction in the armed services, including the 37,000 lawful permanent residents currently serving today. Approximately 20 percent of Congressional Medal of Honor recipients are immigrants. Here in our border community, we know the unparalleled contributions Hispanics and immigrants have made to the United States.

There is also a lot of heat surrounding the child tax credit. There are 16,500 military families with children at Fort Bliss who could potentially benefit from this credit; however, when the tax cut package was passed

last month, a provision was excluded from the final bill signed by President Bush that would have fully extended the child tax credit to families making between \$10,500 and \$26,626 a year, which describes a number of current and former military families. In addition to 250,000 children of active-duty military families, this excluded 750,000 children of veterans from receiving the child tax credit.

One of the President's concerns was that some of these families pay limited federal income taxes, even though they do pay many other types of taxes. Families making a higher income, though, would still receive the credit.

Out of concern that low-income families were shortchanged in the recent round of tax cuts, the Senate overwhelmingly passed a bill last week that will assist low-income families. They passed a bill that will make low-wage workers eligible for the increased child tax credit. Under their bill, low-income families would now receive up to \$400 in tax rebate checks for each child in their family.

This bill now moves to the House of Representatives for consideration. I am a co-sponsor of legislation in

TRUE TEXAS FACTS by Roger Moore June 13, 1691, Don Domingo de Los Rios founds a mission on a fertile plain in South Texas that he names San Antonio.



the House to restore the child tax credit, entitled the Working Taxpayer Fairness Restoration Act of 2003, and assure you that I will support the low-income and military members of our community.

As someone who served this coun-

try during the Vietnam War, I understand the sacrifices our military and their families make by choosing that lifestyle. We rely on the military when America is called to respond to world conflicts and I will continue to assist them in every way I can.

View from here By Bill Addington

El Paso may dump sewage sludge on neighboring rural communities

EL PASO AND HUDSPETH COUNTY — This letter is intended to alert all farmers and people living in Fabens, Clint, Tornillo, Ft. Hancock and McNary to a proposal to begin dumping toxic waste on farmland that threatens not only the health and safety of residents, but that of our farmlands, and our property values.

Toxic sewage sludge originating from El Paso will be promoted as "free fertilizer" and offered for dumping on farms in El Paso and Hudspeth County Lower Valley communities.

A disturbing permit proposal application made to the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality targeting our rural valley farmland would allow massive amounts of toxic sewage sludge, originating from El Paso's wastewater treatment plants, to be spread (dumped) on 1,940-plus acres of farmland near and in Ft. Hancock, Texas, including land near the high school.

This is just the beginning, unless we stop this hazardous material from being dumped near our homes and farms for the profit of a few.

Stanley Jobe of Jobe Concrete appeared last week in Hudspeth County Commissioners Court asking for the blessing of our Court, to spread sludge on the Miller-Kop DA Farm, the Miller-Davidson Farm, the Carr-Middle Farm, the Miller-Oden Farm, the Carr-Home Place Farm, the Miller-Wafer Farm, the Carr-Dulaney Farm and the Carr-Camp 90 Farm.

Not that Jobe needs permission from Hudspeth County. The permit applications will be decided at the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality in Austin.

Jobe has a contract to dispose of all of El Paso's sewage. The toxic stuff is currently being dumped into the McCombs sludge landfill, which is almost filled to capacity. Jobe has also applied to landfill huge quantities of sludge using shallow trenches on the Turner Ranch in Hudspeth

County, until he can convince many more farmers to take the "free fertilizer" off his hands.

Three of the current Hudspeth County Commissioners didn't raise a finger to stop 250-400 tons a day of toxic New York City sewage sludge from being dumped on 91,000 acres of rangeland just north of Sierra Blanca from 1992-2001, despite hundreds of residents, ranchers, and farmers appearing at several Commissioners Court meetings demanding the dumping be opposed by our elected leaders.

Over the years, MERCO (the company which had a contract with New York) made over \$300 million in disposal fees from NYC at the expense of our land and health.

How much is Jobe being paid to dispose of the material? He wants to give it away to farmers, because it is cheaper to give it away than to landfill it. It's all about money.

Why were we opposed and up in arms about the MERCO project? Was it just because the sludge was coming from New York City? It was then — and still is — about the health and safety of our families, especially our children. All municipal wastewater treatment plant sewage sludge contains, along with it's human waste, industrial waste legally and illegally dumped down the sewer system. We are talking very toxic poisons concentrated in dewatered sludge, every heavy metal, like lead and cadmium, every chemical and pesticide known to man, PCB's, etc.

And every virus, pathogen, and disease-carrying organisms known will live and grow in sewage sludge. Dewatering sewage into "sludge" concentrates the toxic elements in the waste water 1000 times. But disposal companies will tell you it's "treated," it's "digested." It's "fertilizer," it's good for you!

My rural friends and neighbors, I have studied, analyzed and researched the issue of sewage sludge "recycling" since 1992. The main MERCO sewage application area

was 10 miles away from Sierra Blanca. For nine years they were flinging the toxic stuff 10 dry tons per acre per year over the surface of the rangeland. We call this surface disposal of sewage sludge, not "recycling of biosolids" which is an industry term.

And the indescribable stench! I can only tell you the stench smells like a combination of chemical odor and fecal odor. The stench contains pollutants like hydrogen sulfide, ammonia and methane gases. We had several retirees and residents pack up and move away, because they couldn't handle the stench that would inevitably come when the weather was cool and moist, and after every rain. Many who visited us from other parts of the country said the sewage dumped smelled like death.

Exposure from sludge and it's chemical-fecal stench is not just a nuisance and trespass against us and our property rights, it is a health hazard. We had a lot of unexplained illness in Sierra Blanca when MERCO was dumping sludge — colds, flu, upper respiratory infections were rampant, especially in our children and old folks. We all talked about it.

In addressing the Hudspeth Commissioners Court last week, Jobe compared the "treated" sewage sludge to "compost."

I addressed the court and stated, among other things, that if the sludge was indeed a compost or fertilizer, they would be selling it, and El Paso Water Utilities would not be contracting and paying Jobe to dispose of this toxic material.

My family helped fight the radioactive waste dump and MERCO sludge dump for 10 years. We spent hundreds of thousands of dollars, and did a lot of work. The state of Texas spent \$60 million.

Although we were successful in politically stopping the proposed nuclear waste dump at Sierra Blanca by working with many of our neighbors on both sides of the river, it saddened me that the dumping of sewage was allowed and existed for as long as it did.

Del Monte, Heinz, Nestle, and the American Frozen Food Institute, among other major buyers of food crops make farmers who contract with them sign an agreement that the food they buy has not had any sewage on

it, or even near it. Why would any good, true farmer devalue his land and livelihood and place poison on it?

I am a third generation farmer and rancher. I am proud of my heritage. My grandfather came to Sierra Blanca with nothing in 1908, and built a store, farm, ranch, lumberyard, propane company, etc. I was born in Ft. Hancock. I am a native west Texan. I love my native state. It grieves me deeply because of the love of money, our "leaders" are being bought off to allow our land and homes in far west Texas to become a toxic pay toilet for cities.

If this dumping takes hold and Jobe is allowed by us to dump El Paso's sewage, we will become known as a dumping ground, and other unwanted projects will come.

It is ironic that the City of El Paso Water Utilities intends to mine, damage and deplete our precious rural aquifers via a five-foot diameter 200-mile pipeline from El Paso to Dell City, Valentine and Van Horn, to fuel their continued, unplanned, explosive, unsustainable growth.

And then they also want to use the same rural county they propose to take water away from as a pay toilet for their toxic sewage.

I beg you, my friends and neighbors, don't let them. Your quality of life, your family, your land and home are at risk, as is mine. It is precious, let us defend it.

Please feel free to call or write me: Bill Guerra Addington, Sierra Blanca, Texas, (915) 284-9333, sbldf2003@yahoo.com

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seminars and micro-enterprise training to members of the community, invites the community to an arts and crafts bazaar on Saturday, June 14, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at El Mercadito, 10189 Socorro Rd. in Socorro. Food, fun and folklorico, as well as live entertainment will be offered. Call 859-4230 for more information.

■ The upcoming Fiesta at Our Lady of Refuge Church in La Union, N.M. is set for Saturday, June 28 in the La Union Community Park. Beginning at 3 p.m. a variety of food, cold drinks and refreshments, games, and music will begin at the Park. At 8 p.m. Renovacion Band will begin a live concert until midnight. Admission is free for this one-day event. For information call Espie Sanchez at 505-874-2202 (not long distance from El Paso) or cell 915-873-8744.

■ The First Baptist Church of Horizon City will host a huge yard sale on Saturday, June 14, beginning at 7 a.m. Located at 17018 Darrington Road, the sale will include clothing, furniture, books, toys and more. Proceeds from the sale will benefit area youth camp in July. Donations will also be welcomed. Call

852-3027 for pickup.

■ Socorro High School, Americas High School and Montwood High School in the Socorro school district will host registration for new and returning students in preparation for the 2003-2004 school year. Current students should bring proof of residence, immunization records and high school identification card. New students should bring birth certificate, Social Security card, immunization record, proof of residence, and records from previous schools. Registration information is available at the district's website, at www.sisd.net under "For Students."

• At Americas High School, new students will register July 8-9, and beginning with seniors, registration for current students will be July 10-17. Late registration is July 21. Call 937-2800 for specific information.

• At Montwood High, new students register July 16-18. Beginning with seniors, registration for current students will be July 9-15. Late registration is July 28-29. Call 849-2000 for specific information.

• At Socorro High School, registration for seniors begins July 7, juniors on July 8. Sophomores register July 9-10, and freshmen July 10-11. Late registration is July 14-18. Call 937-2000 for information.

Dust

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went out.

This increasingly common afternoon occurrence was followed by a little rain, barely enough to ease the wound and settle the dust in the lowlands but you could still see the smoky haze hanging in the clefts of the mountains, waiting to ride again on another capricious wind.

It'll take a lot of rain to settle what

has been disturbed, to put this dusty genie back in his bottle.

More and more livestock producers are selling off their herds, leaving the land to lie fallow until it rains again. Their stories are small — it takes quite a few of them to make a headline.

As we wait for the healing rains to come again, it becomes ever more clear the slow but inexorable price that drought demands.

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Mexico: Moments of Truth will be on exhibit at Chamizal

EL PASO COUNTY — The fine art photography of Elaine Querry, including "Ellas Marchan," one of over 40 black and white photographs and cyanotype prints in an exhibit entitled "Mexico: Moments of Truth," will be featured at the Los Paisanos Fine Art Gallery at Chamizal National Memorial, 800 S. San Marcial (El Paso), through July 19.

"These studies by this remarkable regional photographer offer pause to the viewer as they provide rare insight into the every day moments of every day people," Isabel Montes, superintendent.

Querry is a fine-art photographer whose work has been widely published and exhibited in Mexico, the United States and in Western Europe. A fourth generation New Mexican, Querry grew up in Albuquerque and on her family's cattle ranch on the edge of the Llano Estacado outside Santa Rosa. She spent a number of years in central Mexico. She now makes her home in Las Cruces.

The artist's work is also currently being exhibited in El Paso at the International Museum of Art's Crossing Borders Exhibition and at Abbott Gallery in Mesilla, New Mexico. Her photographs have been widely published in both books and periodicals.

Work will be available for sale in the gallery. Gallery hours are 8:00 to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and on request during weekend hours. Information: (915) 532-7273.

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was reduced from 12 months continuous to 6 months, with a 90-day period, an assets test, a maximum copay, and premium levels;

- Cuts to CHIP benefits include mental health services, dental, home health care, physical and speech therapy, vision care, and allergy services;

- 332,198 children will be taken off the Medicaid program due to strict eligibility rules, and bureaucratic barriers; 28,808 adults will lose their Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) benefits; the county Indigent Health Care Program was cut by \$6.3 million;

However, passage of HB 4 — known as the Tort Reform Bill — was one of the significant bills of the session. For instance, HB 4 creates limits on how much a patient can sue a doctor for malpractice. It places a \$250,000 cap that applies to all physicians and health care providers on a per case/occurrence basis, with also a \$250,000 cap that applies to each health care institution. The gist of the matter is that total damages against health care institutions, such as hospitals, cannot be more than \$500,000 in any single case.

This tort reform issue will make it tougher for plaintiffs to pursue class-action lawsuits, will make it tougher to pick a friendly venue, and will make it tougher for Texans to sue companies for defective products or dangerous drugs. Whew! What a session. There are other items that I would like to report to you, my constituents, but space doesn't allow it.

Stay tuned for future columns, in which I will discuss my impressions of one of the toughest Legislative sessions in Texas' history. Until then, I remain, Chente for la gente

View from here By Dick Armey

Expanding the child tax credit will create new spending, not refund taxes

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Given the Senate's action last week to expand the child tax credit, you might not realize that the 2003 Jobs and Growth Act completely eliminates federal income tax liability for three million taxpayers and dramatically expands the new ten percent income tax bracket for lower income earners.

Yet the latest Senate action attempts to create \$10 billion in new spending. The child tax credit measure included in the new tax cut is designed to provide relief to parents already struggling with a federal income tax burden. Further expanding this provision to parents who do not pay taxes is not a tax cut. Instead, it is new federal spending that will shift the tax burden onto actual taxpayers. Citizens for a Sound Economy (CSE) opposes the measure.

Further, Congress already created the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) for the purpose of assisting the working poor. Given the difficulties the IRS is having administering the EITC, it is a bad idea to further expand the agency's responsibilities. The IRS overpaid \$8.1 billion in EITC in 1999, according to the House Budget Committee, and is now aggressively auditing low-income taxpayers in a massive waste of resources. If Congress wants to do more than the EITC to help low-in-

come families, it should do so through the existing state-managed temporary assistance system, where the aid is part of an overall training and welfare strategy.

Paul Beckner, CSE President said, "It is typical Senate logic to attempt to provide 'tax relief' to those who pay no taxes. These are the same folks who tried to 'cut' taxes by raising them in the original tax cut bill. Now they want a stealth new program, and the Senate move only will increase the burden on actual taxpayers.

"The tax code is not a piggy bank. Welfare is best handled by private charity and state welfare agencies, not tax collection agencies. On behalf of the 280,000 members of Citizens for a Sound Economy, I urge the House to hold firm and oppose the Senate's new spending. Instead of creating new stealth welfare programs, Congress needs to work on making the tax code more simple, fair, low, and honest."

Citizens for a Sound Economy (CSE) recruits, educates, trains, and mobilizes volunteer activists to fight for less government, lower taxes, and more freedom. Founded in 1984, CSE has 280,000 members nationwide. Former House Majority Leader Dick Armey is co-Chairman. Visit CSE at www.cse.org.

Drought watch on the Rio Grande Water supply forecast for year down, no increase in allocation

EL PASO COUNTY — Snow pack, the major source of surface water for this region, is now less than ten percent of the 30-year average for this time of year and the total forecast runoff into Elephant Butte Reservoir has been reduced from 20 percent to just 15 percent of the long-term average water supply, according to Filiberto Cortez, Division Manager of the El Paso Field Office of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.

Because little additional water has entered the reservoir, water allocations were not increased and remain at less than one-third of a full water supply. Releases of available water from Rio Grande Project Reservoirs started again on May 15, 2003 to meet irrigation and urban water needs. With the release of water storage levels in early June have fallen to 17.5 percent of reservoir capacity.

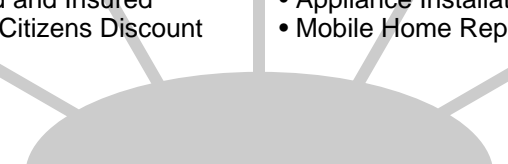
Snowpack in the mountains of northern New Mexico and southern Colorado is the source of most of Elephant Butte Reservoir water. Snowpack has decreased considerably from 33 percent since the last report to just nine percent of the long term average water content for the same time of year.

Very dry soil and weather conditions which further reduce the snowpack, plus up-stream use of water and storage of water in up-stream reser-

voirs, will cause runoff into Elephant Butte Reservoir to be less than 15 percent of the 30-year average. As a result, total water allocations forecast to be available by year-end for urban and agricultural users have also been reduced and are now projected to be only 35 percent to 40 percent of a full water supply.

As previously predicted, current inflow to Elephant Butte reservoir is much below the 30 year average, in part, because of the agreement between New Mexico and Texas to allow upstream storage in New Mexico in exchange for relinquishment of credit water in Elephant Butte reservoir for use by Texas. The allocation as of June, which takes into account the water relinquishment agreement between Texas and New Mexico plus inflow to the reservoirs and river delivery efficiencies that occurred since the last allocation was calculated, remains at 31.2 percent of a full water supply.

"Drought Watch on the Rio Grande" is provided by Texas A&M University, El Paso Agricultural Research and Extension Center in collaboration with the United States Bureau of Reclamation El Paso Field Office and USDA-CSREES Rio Grande Basin Initiative. Information: 915-534-6300 or 915-859-9111.



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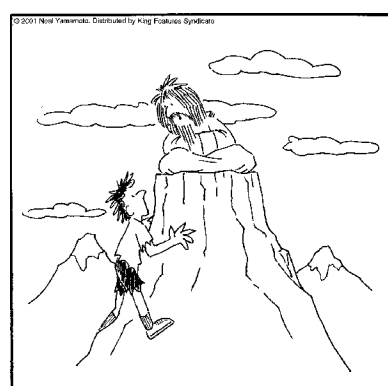
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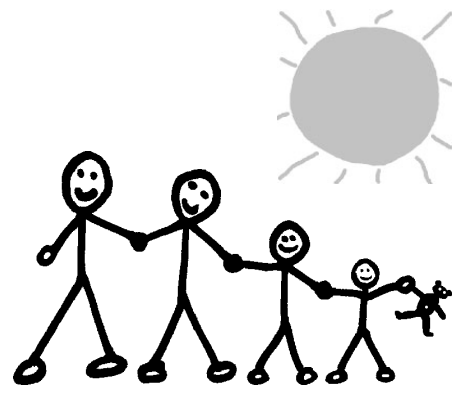
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No matter what color you are, right and wrong are black and white

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

It's been over a week now since Sammy Sosa broke his bat in a game against Tampa Bay, exposing an illegal piece of cork inside the now infamous Louisville Slugger.

The big question since the incident is did Sammy know there was cork in his bat?

Sammy has claimed it was all a big mistake and that he grabbed the wrong bat. I've got a kind of curious thought — what the heck was a corked bat doing in the dugout in the first place?

Then, a few innings later and plenty of time to get rid of any other corked bats, league officials went through Sammy's other 76 bats and found no cork. Sammy said he only uses corked bats during batting practice to put on a better show for the fans.

So am I to believe that out of the 77 bats Sammy had in the clubhouse, he just happened to accidentally grab the one wrong bat? What are the odds of that?

Sammy was suspended by the league for eight games. Sounds pretty fair to me. Other corkers have received suspensions of 8-10 games in the past but in a very surprising move, Sosa immediately appealed his suspension.

Appealed his suspension! There is no doubt he used a corked bat. Everybody on the field saw it. Does Sammy feel he doesn't deserve

any kind of punishment for cheating?

Let's say he really did grab the wrong bat by accident, he still used an illegal bat. At the very least he should serve the suspension for sheer stupidity for having a corked bat, that he has admitted was his, in the dugout in the first place.

And just when you thought this story couldn't get any uglier, enter some major leaguers who unfortunately spoke out on the subject.

According to Red Sox pitcher Pedro Martinez, the whole Sammy-Sosa-corked-bat story was being fueled by racial bias in the press. Martinez said he knows his fellow Dominican Republic countryman cheated when he used the corked bat, but he believes Sosa is being singled out unfairly. Martinez said, "if it were Mark McGwire, it would still be a big deal, but not like this."

Martinez went on to say, "We might be Latin and minorities, but we're not dumb. We see everything that happens." Well, I agree that most Latin's and minorities are not dumb — I'm just not so sure anymore about Pedro Martinez.

To suggest that the mostly-white media in America is picking on Sosa because he is Latino is absolutely ridiculous. Who is Martinez listening to... Johnnie Cochran and Jesse Jackson?

Who do you think helped make Sammy Sosa famous? Did the mostly-white media give

Steve Howe a ride during his problem with drugs? How about Pete Rose?... John Rocker?... Marge Schott?

Martinez went on to cry about himself saying, "I'm not defending him because it's illegal, but I've never cheated and I've been robbed."

You see, Pedro didn't win the Cy Young award last year and is still crying about, "Nobody stood behind me. Nobody. The Cy Young could have gone either way but some guys decided not to vote for me. Why did no one make a campaign for me? If I were Roger Clemens, would he have won the Cy Young last year? I want someone to stand up for me."

O.K., Pedro, calm down, let's not lose sight of the fact that this is about Sammy.

Anyway, another misguided ex-ballplayer, Jose Canseco, made his own comments on the matter. And I must remind you, these are Jose's actual words — they weren't enhanced to make him look dumber than he actually is. I didn't have to.

Canseco said, "I definitely am very disappointed in the media, the way they're attacking Sammy Sosa, the way they're portraying him because he's a Latin, black athlete is completely wrong. I guarantee you if this were Mark McGwire or Cal Ripken Jr., a so-called 'protected athlete', an 'All-American' name, this would have never happen because I've seen things that some players have done, and

they are white players and they're completely covered up... if he (Sosa) were a white superstar player, this would never, never happen."

Now I'll ask the same question of Jose that I've asked about others so many times in the past: What the heck are you talking about?

My last name is Escajeda, I am Hispanic, I've been Hispanic all my life. And if I make a stupid mistake, I don't go out and blame other people so I can sleep at night. If I make a dumb move I take full responsibility. Nobody holds me down but me.

I'm tired of the hypocrisy of some of these pampered athletes who makes millions of dollars and still find time to try to get people to feel sorry for them. Sorry guys, I feel sorry for the Hispanic single mother with three kids asking me for pennies as I walk out of a grocery store.

Sorry Sammy, Pedro and Jose. Last I saw there was no lower-pay-for-minorities salary structure in professional baseball. If you enjoy any fame now it's because you created it on your own. The media simply reported it.

Sosa should take his little eight-game punishment like a man and work on re-establishing his tarnished career. There isn't much better, or more difficult, than a man who stands up when times are tough. That's what sets him apart. To blame others for your own mistakes is always easy.

Think about it, Sammy... Think about it, Pedro... Just think, Jose!

Canutillo Middle School wins conference title

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY — Canutillo Middle School Athletics program added one more accolade to its list of accomplishments this school year as the eighth grade Boys Soccer

Team went undefeated to claim the Lower Valley Conference Championship.

CMS eighth grade boys went into the post-season tournament as first place winners in their division. They moved into the championship game by defeating Clark Middle School, 5-1, and Slider Middle, 3-2. CMS then beat Sanchez Middle School, 2-0, for the conference championship.

"In the course of this season, I have seen many players shine including strikers Raul Rangel and Albert Hernandez, midfielder Rogelio Ramirez, defenders Jorge Gandarilla and Aberlardo Muñoz, sweeper Jose Garcia, and goalie Ismael Sandoval," stated Veronica Ulloa, CMS Boys Soccer coach. Ulloa helped start the CMS soccer program two years ago.

"I hope that all these boys play soccer in high school. These kids, although extremely talented, need to work together year round to stay strong. I want to thank the parents and community for their continued support," Ulloa said.

CMS also claimed district or conference championships in football, basketball, and track this school year.



CMS ADDS A TITLE — Canutillo Middle School eighth grade Boys Soccer Team is shown in photo, front row from left, Coach Veronica Ulloa, Mario Ivarbo, Manuel Varela, Luis Quintanilla, Luis A. Muñoz, Gerardo Parra, Abelardo Muñoz, George Gomez; and back row, from left, Julio Hernandez, Jose Adame, George Gandarilla, Eliezer Pasillas, Ismael Sandoval, Raul Rangel, Rogelio Ramirez, Jose Garcia, and Alberto Hernandez.

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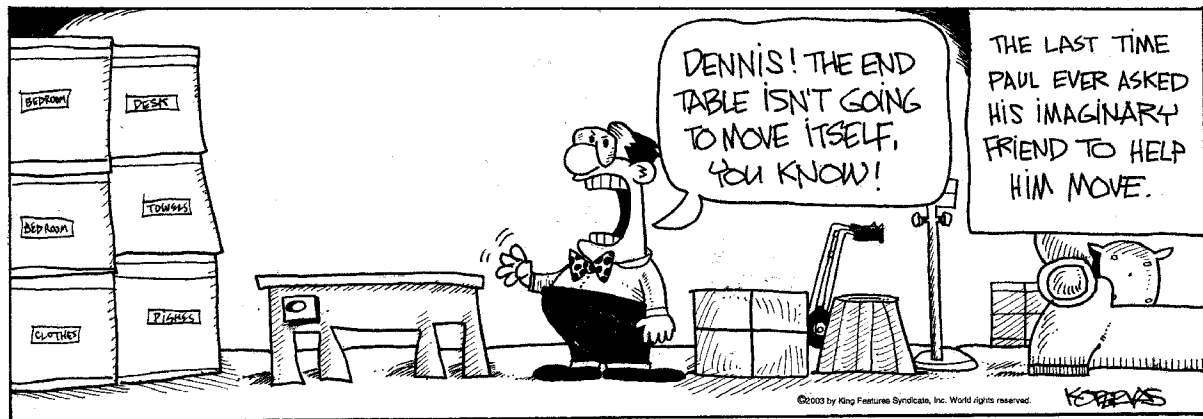
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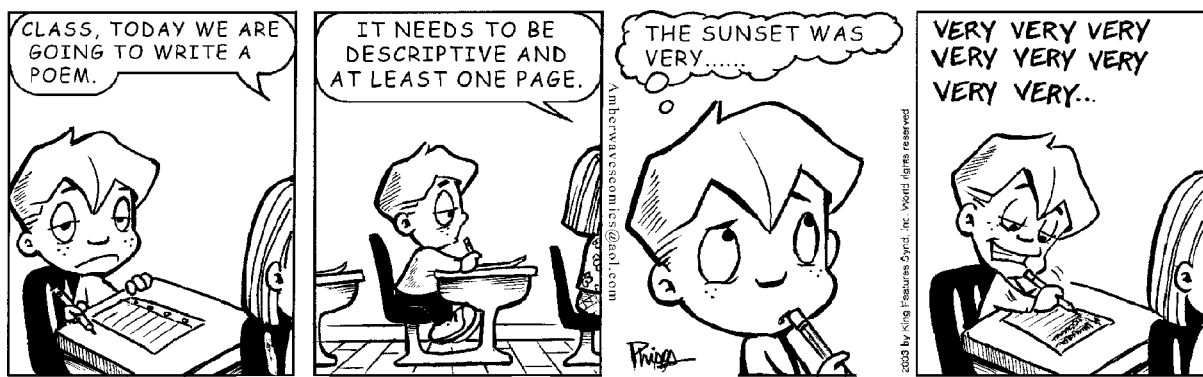
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OUT ON A LIMB By Gary Kopervas



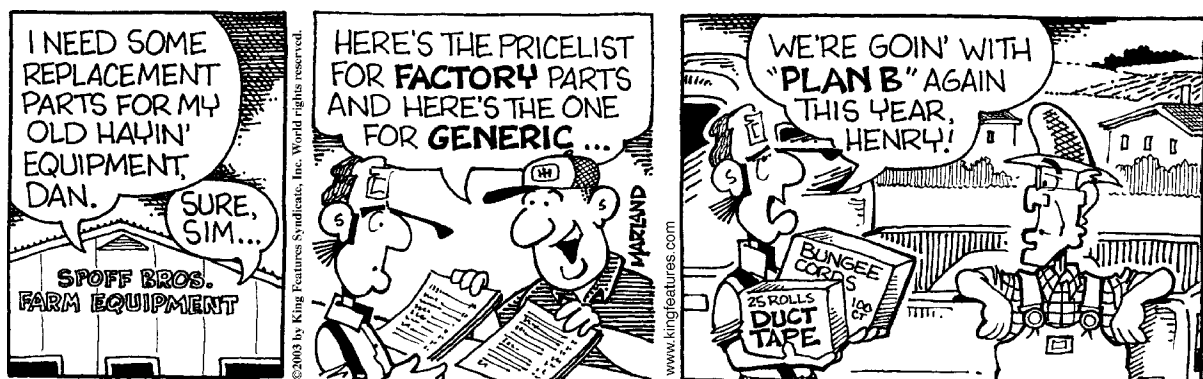
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Some speak with forked tongue

By Don Flood

There's good news on the self-mutilation front!

Recently, I have been deluged with calls and e-mails demanding an answer to one question: How come there aren't any new and innovative ways to mutilate my body?

(Deluged might be a slight exaggeration. OK, under the Truth in Column Act, it might even be defined as a Total Fabrication. However, I have sensed that people were becoming frustrated at the lack of progress in self-maiming techniques.)

Well, the wait is over, my friends, because the newest trend in body disfigurement is tongue-splitting, an idea so repulsive and disgusting that it may keep young people happy for — who knows? — two weeks.

According to the people in the CNN.com story, a split tongue has many advantages.

These include:

- It's a plus, says James Keen of Kentucky, when it comes to kissing. (He's not specific, but I assume he's referring to kissing snakes.)
- You can move each tip of the tongue independently. (Think of the time you'll save tying cherry stems in your mouth!)
- You get to enjoy the experience of learning to talk again, a real advantage for people with too much time on their hands.

(Essie Hakim, a 30-year-old New Yorker, maintains she enjoyed the process. But if you're a politician, allow time to re-learn speaking before hitting the campaign trail.)

But the most amazing part about the story, though, was this: The parents of James Keen not only gave their blessing for the operation. They offered \$500 to pay for it!

SON: Could I borrow \$500 to get my tongue split?

FATHER: Great ideas, son! Here's \$750. Why don't you get your ears cut off while you're at it?

Tongue splitting isn't for everybody, but if you belong to one of the categories below, this new trend might be just the thing to add pizzazz to your dull and drab oral cavity:

- People who are dumber than dirt.
- People even dumber than those in the first group.

Assuming you meet the criterion above, the next step is deciding how many tips you want your tongue to have.

Oh sure, a simple tongue-splitting seems pretty rad now, but what about next month?

You don't want to be caught with last year's two-pronged model while others are showing off their nine-headed Hydra tongues (each tip moving independently!).

You might also want to move beyond the split-tongue scene and break new ground.

Among your choices:

- Arrow through the head — An old comedic sight gag, the true arrow-through-the-head might be considered the Holy Grail of Body Mutilation.

But there is a downside, according to medical experts: The arrow, they point out, would go through the brain. Body modification proponents, however, contend this is no big deal, and many doctors agree with them.

• Sharp stick in the eyeball — Still pretty radical but, unlike the arrow-through-the-head, this technique can be performed at home with everyday items found around the house.

And remember, you're limited only by your imagination — and of course the amount of blood you're prepared to lose.

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Latina's Soccer team is new, young and powerful

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — The Latina's Soccer team is composed of girls that are mainly in the Socorro High School feeder pattern. There are currently two teams in that group. One is under 10-year-old girls, and the other team, pictured above, is under 12-year-olds. Both groups accomplished an astonishing feat this past Memorial Day weekend when both won first place in the Festival of Champions in the El Paso Eastside Leagues' Tournament. To add to that, the under-10 team also took second place in the Sun Bowl's Cinco de Mayo Soccer Tournament. This past September, the under-12 team took second place in the Enchilada Festival at the Las Cruces Soccer Tournament.



For Sanity's Sake By Taprina Milburn

Parent university

I've never followed my urge to go back to school, because I'm not sure how I could squeeze in studying for finals while trying to make sure my family has groceries in the refrigerator and clean socks to wear.

When you think about it, though, parenting is an education. We aren't listed on the honor roll if our kids arrive at the age 18 alive, and I've yet to meet a parent who's been hired by an employer for her ability to sing a lullaby or teach her kids to tie their

shoes. But what you and I learn as moms and dads pales in comparison to the best education offered at any Ivy League college.

Let's take a look at Parent University's course syllabus.

• Information Gathering

You will learn creative ways to draw out information from children who answer "fine," "nothing" or "I don't know" to each of your questions. This course also will help you to refine your eavesdropping skills as

well as teach you to interpret body language, smirks, snickers and eye rolling.

Physical Fitness

This course teaches parents how to be joiners. No longer will you sit on the porch and watch as kids jump on the trampoline, or passively wait on the side of the pool as they play Marco Polo. Effective parenting demands that you be a participating parent; therefore, throughout the course, you will learn how to hopscotch, skateboard, roller blade, ski, climb mountains and play ball.

• Building and Interior Design

You will learn the latest trends in building houses out of boxes, sticks and sofa cushions, and towers out of

tape and straws, as well as the art of painting and wallpapering — many times over — children's bedrooms.

• Conflict Resolution

Learn to mediate backseat turf wars, referee grocery store spats over who pushes the cart and facilitate healthy communication between your children, who really only desire the opportunity to pummel each other.

• Basic Culinary Skills

Parents will be instructed on the proper way to cut the crust off of the peanut butter and jelly sandwich, how to peel and slice an apple for your finicky eaters as well as learn ways to sneak vegetables into recipes.

• Prayer

Never before in your life will you spend so much time on this subject. You will learn to pray your kids through potty training, hurt feelings, successes, failures, health problems, fights, the removal of training wheels, temper tantrums and tests, to name a few. You also will learn to pray for yourself — to know when to speak or when to listen, to hug or give your kids space, and also that you will always know when to say you're sorry.

I wish I could say that we'll see each other at graduation, but looks as if this is a lifetime study. Once a parent always a parent. Study hard.

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WEATHER

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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR EL PASO

THURSDAY	THUR. NIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Mostly sunny.	Breezy in the evening; otherwise, clear.	Sunny, becoming breezy in the afternoon.	Sunshine.	Mostly sunny.	Partly sunny with a thunderstorm possible.	Sunny.	Hot with sunshine.
▲ 93°	▼ 66°	▲ 91° ▼ 64°	▲ 93° ▼ 67°	▲ 95° ▼ 69°	▲ 95° ▼ 67°	▲ 97° ▼ 70°	▲ 100° ▼ 70°

UV INDEX Statistics for noon.

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

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

REAL FEEL TEMP™

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Thursday	89°
Friday	84°
Saturday	85°
Sunday	87°
Monday	91°
Tuesday	94°
Wednesday	96°

TEXAS WEATHER

Anthony	93	66
Canutillo	94	67
Clint	94	66
E. Montana	93	66
Fabens	94	66
Horizon	94	67
San Elizario	90	64
Socorro	92	65
Tornillo	94	66
Vinton	94	67

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	87/58/pc	86/60/s	89/61/s	90/62/s	87/58/s
Atlanta	86/68/c	84/68/pc	84/66/c	84/66/c	84/62/c
Atlantic City	75/56/c	62/56/c	62/56/c	73/55/c	77/56/s
Austin/San Antonio	92/72/pc	93/71/pc	93/72/pc	92/71/r	92/69/c
Baltimore	78/64/c	78/64/c	76/64/c	76/66/c	80/58/pc
Boston	74/60/pc	72/58/c	72/60/c	72/62/pc	76/61/pc
Chicago	76/59/pc	78/60/pc	80/61/c	82/61/pc	80/57/pc
Dallas/Ft. Worth	90/72/pc	92/70/pc	93/72/pc	90/72/c	91/70/pc
Denver	78/52/pc	80/56/t	79/56/pc	82/56/c	80/55/c
Flagstaff	71/37/s	76/40/s	78/42/s	79/42/s	79/40/s
Houston	90/74/pc	90/74/pc	92/74/pc	92/74/pc	92/74/pc
Kansas City	82/66/t	83/64/c	82/65/c	83/65/pc	82/58/c
Las Vegas	95/70/s	97/72/s	100/74/s	100/74/s	97/72/s
Miami	88/78/pc	88/77/pc	89/77/pc	89/78/pc	90/76/pc
Minneapolis	78/60/pc	80/62/pc	82/64/pc	82/63/pc	82/60/s
New Orleans	89/75/pc	88/74/pc	90/74/pc	89/74/t	90/71/c
New York City	74/63/pc	72/62/c	74/62/c	76/62/c	79/64/s
Philadelphia	78/64/c	74/64/c	74/64/c	76/66/c	80/63/s
Phoenix	97/75/s	100/75/s	102/77/s	102/78/s	104/74/s
Portland	68/55/r	68/52/c	69/52/pc	73/53/pc	73/50/c
San Francisco	64/52/pc	66/54/pc	66/54/pc	68/52/pc	69/50/s
Seattle	64/52/r	61/50/c	64/50/c	68/51/pc	68/50/pc
Tucson	94/62/s	97/64/s	99/68/s	99/68/s	101/68/s
Washington, DC	78/68/c	78/68/c	76/66/c	76/66/c	81/62/pc

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

AGRICULTURE

There will be 9-13 hours of sunshine Thursday, Friday and Saturday, then 7-11 hours on Sunday. It should be mainly dry each day with little, if any, rainfall expected. Drying conditions will generally be excellent during the day and fair to good at night with no dew expected. The next chance for any rain will be Monday afternoon.

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