

NEWSBRIEFS

Drugs in melons

There was more than a ton of marijuana in the 18-wheeler hauling watermelons, Border Patrol agents discovered last weekend. The vehicle was stopped at the traffic checkpoint on Highway 70 for a routine inspection at about 6 a.m. The truck driver, 41-year-old Terry Merrell Watson of Pennsylvania, and another occupant, 44-year-old Ramkumar Naraine, a Canadian national living in Phoenix, were both arrested on charges of possession of marijuana with intent to distribute after agents became suspicious of their story and mannerisms. Due to the volume of the contraband to be searched, agents transported the load to the Lowe's grocery store in Alamogordo to search the rest of the pallets. A total of seven pallets, located in the middle of the load, contained 117 cellophane-wrapped packages of marijuana, weighing 2,010 pounds and valued at about \$1.6 million.

HCPD on bikes

Horizon City Police officers are taking to their bikes this summer. Three HCPD officers have been trained by the El Paso Police Department in "Bike Patrol Operations" and two police bikes were purchased using a grant obtained by the Horizon City Police Department. The bikes and officers have been working in Horizon City since April of 2002, but because of a shortage in manpower they have only been out during special operations and events. "We hope this will change over this summer with a modified work schedule and more part-time officers to help cover primary patrol duties" said Sgt. Ron Swenson "Our primary concerns are neighborhood patrol and community policing; we want to make the officers more accessible to the community and more approachable for questions and concerns." They will also be working some code enforcement and looking for city ordinance violations while in the neighborhoods. "We plan to be getting them out once or twice a week this summer." said Sgt. Swenson. "If you know of a specific area or concern that you feel they can concentrate on call 852-1047." Ask for Sgt. Swenson or Corporal Rico. To report crimes in progress call 546-2280 or 911.

In other news

After several months of ceasing operations in attempts to generate additional funding, the El Paso Feral Cat Trap, Neuter and Return (TNR) project will resume Aug. 1, with a limit of five cats per clinic per month. Foundation grants, corporate contributions and individual donations are the source to keep the project running which was created by the El Paso Veterinary Medical Association. The TNR program encourages people in feral cat problem areas to borrow traps from one of seven Valley Feed locations, humanely trap the cats, take them to participating veterinarians. Since its 2001 inception, more than 1,700 cats aged 12 weeks or older have been trapped, neutered, rabies

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Your mind is a sacred enclosure into which nothing harmful can enter except by your permission.

— Quips & Quotes

Young workers repairing homes in San Elizario learn from experience

By Don Woodyard
Courier Staff Writer

SAN ELIZARIO — The 230 young people are gone now, but the tangible fruits of their week-long labor will remain at the home of Eduardo Chavez, 13401 Pompas, one of 38 work sites in San Elizario where the youth focused their clean up, paint up and fix up efforts.

It will remain in the form of a new roof on Chavez' trailer home and a new porch railing on the steps leading up to his house. "I will be safer now," Chavez says. "I have fallen (from the steps) two or three times.

"I am very pleased," he says. "I appreciate their work — for everything they have done for me. I appreciate it very much. I wish the best for them.

"It is a blessing, it sure is — a big blessing," he adds, gesturing to the paint-smeared boys and girls finishing up the work on his house. It was Friday, July 11, the last day for the service project that brought the church youth from across the United States and Canada to the border community.

The San Elizario project is one of 68 Group Workcamps selected nationwide at which approximately 26,000 youth spend a week making home repairs for elderly, handicapped or low-income families. The San Elizario locations are selected on the basis of greatest need by Project Ayuda (Help), a non-profit, community-based organization.

The cost of carrying out the project — materials, meals, staff salaries and administrative costs — is shared by Ayuda and the overall sponsor of the program, Group Workcamps Foundation. The foundation is a non-profit interdenominational volunteer group whose headquarters are in Loveland, CO.

The idea for the workcamps started in Colorado in 1977 following a river flooding and damaging or destroying hundreds of homes. Church youth groups came to help rebuild.



HELPING HANDS — Teen workers from Group Workcamps Foundation of Colorado repair homes in San Elizario.

According to a press release, Group Workcamps, now in its 27th year, have hosted more than 145,000 volunteer youth working on repairs to nearly 24,000 homes in the United States, Canada and Mexico. The teenagers, 14-19 years of age, apply through their church youth groups and pay \$385 for the privilege of spending part of their summer vacation working in far-flung parts of the country.

During their time in San Elizario, they were housed in classrooms in San Elizario High School in separate wings for boys and girls. The school district was reimbursed for all costs for feeding and housing the young people.

Each day they were bused to the different work sites. Five teens and an adult supervisor comprise a team for each work site. A

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Canutillo bilingual education teacher finalist for state recognition

By Don Woodyard
Courier Staff Writer

CANUTILLO — Lorena Salas, a bilingual education teacher in the Canutillo Independent School District, is looking forward to and hoping for a trip to Spain and Mexico.

Why? Because last month Salas was selected from among three finalists as Teacher of the Year for the Texas Association of Bilingual Educators (TABE). And each year it has been customary that the Teacher of the Year receives the expense-paid trip from representatives of the Spanish and Mexican governments in recognition of the achievement.

She will find out for sure in October at the annual TABE conference that will be held in Fort Worth.

R.C. Rodriguez, a member of the TABE executive board, has high praise of Salas.

"She is a wonderful, wonderful person," he said in a telephone interview. "She is an excel-

lent representative of all bilingual educators in Texas.

"She truly holds the philosophy of bilingual education at heart," he adds. "Her passion for bilingual education was evident in her essay and in the answers to questions." He went on to say that, from her portfolio, she has had "great success" in and out of the classroom.

In addition to the expected trips to Spain and Mexico — which she would like to take with her son Alejandro Chacon, 15 — Rodriguez said she will get "numerous awards and recognitions."

He adds, "We are very honored and excited about her selection as Teacher of the Year."

The praise is echoed in the Canutillo school district where she teaches bilingual education at Childress Elementary.

Dr. Pam Padilla, assistant superintendent, says that a standout quality of Salas is her enthusiasm. "She has a very high

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Lorena Salas

Horizon City takes steps to establish a community park

By Arleen Beard
Special to the Courier

HORIZON CITY — Providing parks for children to use for safe and varied activities was the focus of a resolution proposed during the regular Horizon City council meeting on July 8.

John Dixon, Director of Public Works, approached council to approve a resolution granting authority to the Town of Horizon City to apply for the Texas Parks and Wildlife outdoor recreation grant for the proposed Frank Macias Park.

The land being considered consists of about six acres which would be leased to the city in a 20-year agreement by the Clint Independent School District. He said use of the property would come at no cost to Horizon City. Dixon stated this would be a "community" park rather than a "city" park.

The area being considered is located next to Frank Macias Elementary School on Darrington Road. The park would include soccer fields, baseball fields and a concession stand to allow for civic organizations to sell food and drinks at events held at the park.

Dixon said the grant could be as much as \$1,000,000 with a fifty-fifty match from Horizon City. The value of the land being obtained by Horizon City, at no cost to the city, would be considered as part of the matching funds, along with the cost to upkeep the park. The application must be submitted by July 31. City Council unanimously approved the resolution.

In other business, city council agreed to authorize Mayor Dianne Whitty to sign an agreement with El Paso Community College and the Texas Workforce Commission for the Youth Services Program. These youth would be working with the Horizon City Police Department, for about four hours a day for two months. They would be paid by El Paso Community College and the Texas Workforce Commission.

These are students who are taking law enforcement classes at EPCC, and they would be performing duties such as clerical work and observing police on the process of booking arrestees.

These students would not accompany police officers outside of the Horizon Police Department building or go on patrol with officers in police vehicle units, it was stated.

City Council also approved allowing the 5th Annual Block Party on Flowering Cactus. Herb Beard, Block Captain on Flowering Cactus, informed City Council this activity is a continuously positive method of keeping up acquaintances with neighbors and also meeting any new neighbors who have recently moved in. The block party has strengthened the "Neighborhood Watch Program" that has been effect since 1998, Beard said.

"It is a good deterrent of crime. People watch out for one another," he said.



John Dixon



One perspective

By Francis Shrum

The rockets' red glare

Maybe it was that thing about being a prisoner in my own home.

Maybe I was exaggerating about the Fourth of July celebration in East El Paso County being such a free-for-all.

Only one way to find out — but no, I didn't go out in the streets and by-ways to see what was going on.

I went up on the roof.

The night our nation celebrated the anniversary of the Declaration of Independence this year, we hauled up our sleeping bags and pillows, pulled the ladder up after us and prepared to spend the night.

Talk about the rockets' red glare.

We settled in about 8:30 p.m. as the last light faded. Already the shriek, burst and whine of fireworks were igniting the evening dusk.

Being the old party-pooper that I am, I fell asleep right away but I didn't enforce the same restrictions on my fellow roof-dwellers. They scooped over to the edge of the roof and sat swinging their legs and giggling about this, that or the other.

About 11 p.m. I woke up, a little fuzzy about where I was and what was causing these terrific bursts of noise about every five seconds. Then I remembered.

The party was in full swing. We were surrounded by a ring of fire. Bursts of orange and red lights streaked into the night sky, obliterating the crescent of the moon with their frequency.

Everything close around us seemed hushed, holding its breath against the crescendo of lights and noise. There were no rustlings in the trees and the Most Valuable Dog in the World was huddled out of sight. There were no

dogs barking anywhere.

My charges were called to their sleeping bags and they snuggled in. To my surprise I fell asleep again almost immediately.

I awoke at 1 a.m. The party was still in full swing, only this time it sounded like everybody who wasn't in bed was shouting. Raised voices could be heard over the blasts and explosions. I couldn't tell what they were saying, only that waves of shouting voices rose and fell, drifting across our roof top with the smoke and dust that hadn't been there earlier.

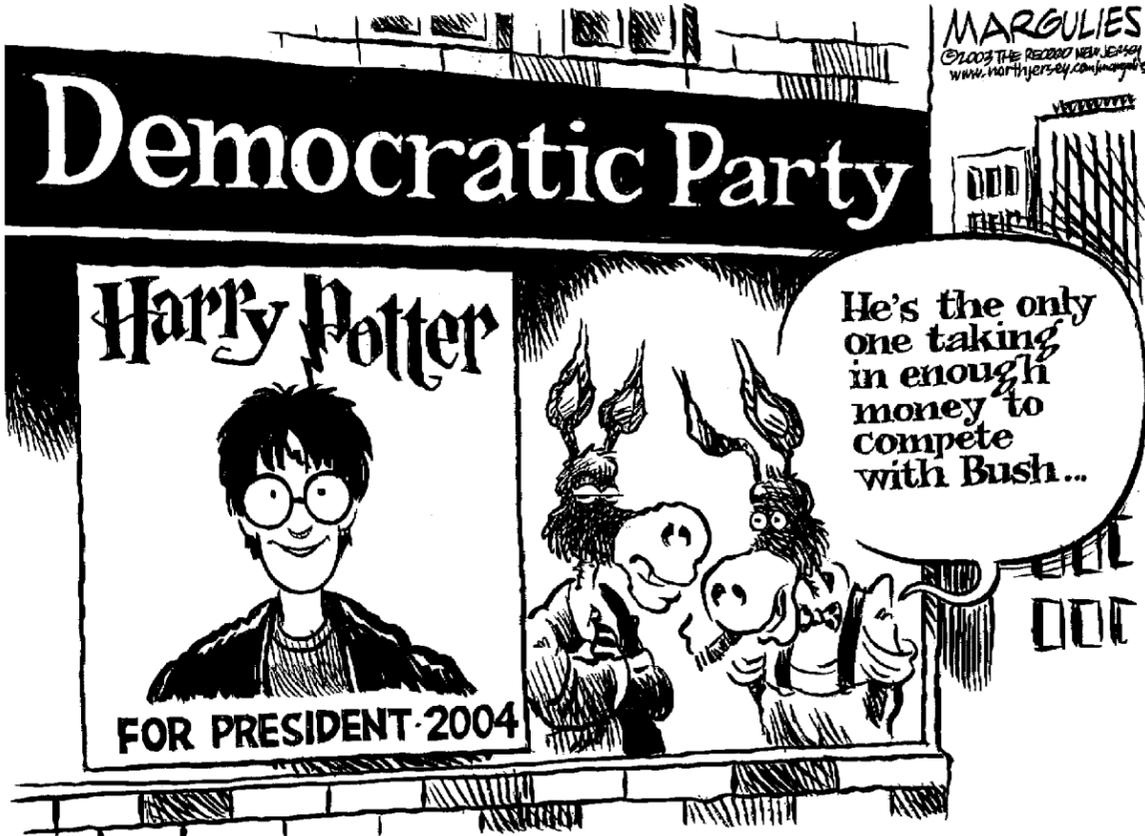
There were people talking and laughing in the street below but there were few fireworks going off near us. The bright multi-colored explosions continued in a distant ring, at least outside our immediate neighborhood. A cool breeze had sprung up and I noticed my fellow roof dwellers were huddled far down in their bags, their heads covered with their pillows. My own covers now pulled up, I let my consciousness drift away on the breeze with the smoke and dust.

Shouting nearby woke me at about 3 a.m. Only an intermittent burst of light or sound broke the stillness except a group of young people one street over had begun some sort of disagreement at the top of their lungs.

One of them finally shouted that he was going to What-A-Burger and the squeal of rubber tires on asphalt confirmed that he was acting on his statement.

Once they stopped shouting a blessed quiet settled in. The breeze had cleared the air on the roof and was sighing in the pine branches a

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New technology can make border crossings quicker and easier



derstands the need to speed up the border-crossing checkpoints in El Paso. Whether you are in a passenger car or a cargo truck, the wait is unnecessarily long.

In an age where technology has advanced so many aspects of our lives, technology can also provide answers to many of the problems we are facing at ports-of-entry.

The "Dedicated Commuter Lane" or DCL at the Stanton Street bridge is an example of technology at work on the border. The DCL allows U.S.-based vehicles and passengers who travel frequently between Mexico and the United States to be pre-screened. By successfully passing the pre-screening process, registering their vehicle, and carrying an ID card with them, DCL users are able to use a reserved lane and are identified by laser when traveling across the Stanton Street bridge. The DCL allows for both the maintenance of security and the rapid movement of

vehicles over the bridge. Currently, the Stanton Street DCL has over 8,500 registered users and over 5,500 vehicles. The estimated limit for the current DCL is 8,000 vehicles. Obviously, the DCL's popularity is quickly outgrowing its space on the Stanton Street bridge.

The next natural place to expand the DCL is at the Ysleta port-of-entry. I secured funding for the physical construction of an additional lane at Ysleta in the fiscal year 2003 appropriations bill. However, in order to complete the project, the appropriate screening technology must be installed.

Once the DCL is functioning at the Ysleta port of entry, it will serve border crossers who generally live in east El Paso and work in southeast Juárez who do not currently use the Stanton Street DCL because of its location.

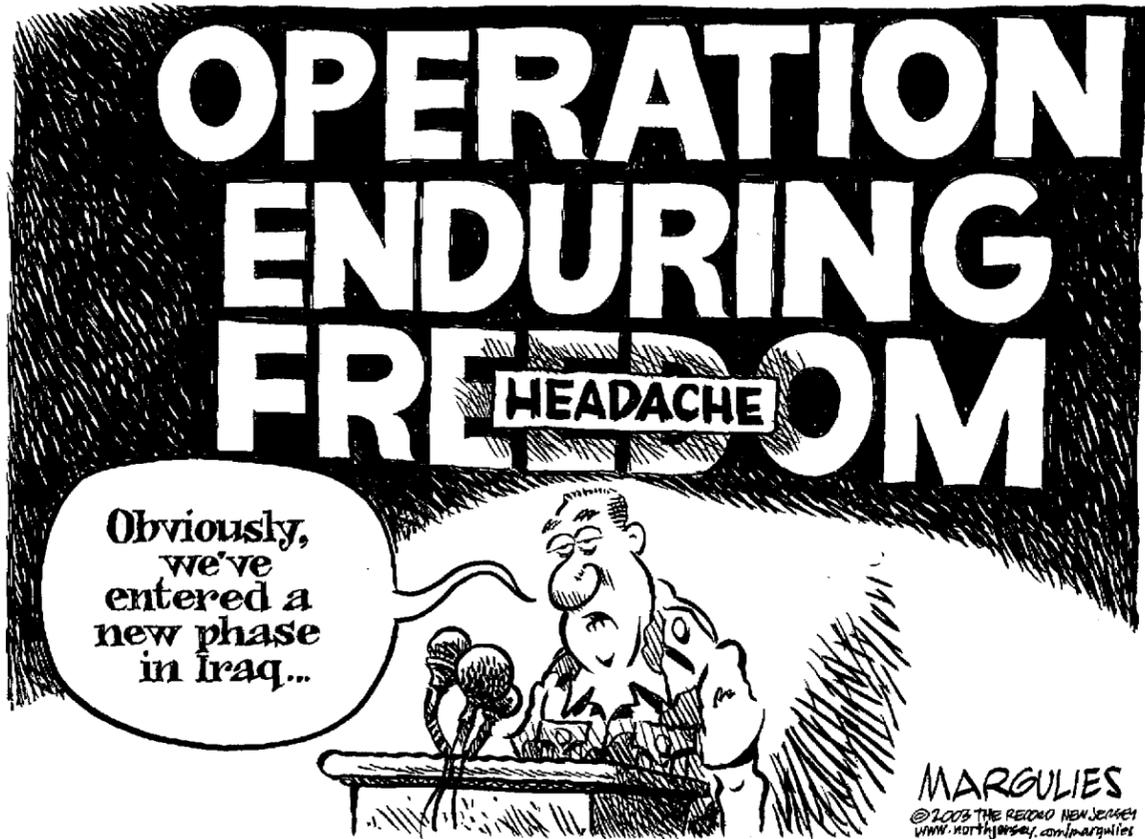
Earlier this year, a program similar to the DCL was introduced for cargo trucks on the Bridge of the Americas known as STEP (Secure Trade Expedited Processing). This program is a partnership between business and government in which

businesses' sealed trucks are given quick clearance across the border in exchange for allowing the government to pre-screen drivers, trucks, and the business' facilities. STEP is currently a pilot program, the first of its kind on the U.S.-Mexico border, and is expected to be replicated elsewhere along the border.

In addition to another DCL and STEP, the ports of entry could also benefit from Pulsed Fast Neutron Analysis (PFNA), described by Fortune Magazine as "beyond-Superman technology" that can screen the contents of loaded trucks. When in use, PFNA — which is still in its testing phase — would vastly decrease the time needed to inspect cargo trucks crossing the border, as well as provide increased security against harmful materials.

PFNA would enable inspectors to detect the chemical composition of articles deeply buried in a fully-loaded cargo truck. In addition to speeding up the flow of traffic, PFNA would be able to detect items such as explosives, chemical agents and

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



Freedom from the ring

Last week Americans celebrated the birth and freedom of our great nation. This week we celebrate our freedom from intrusive telemarketers.

Unwanted telemarketing calls are annoying and all too common. When you are sitting down to dinner, or helping your kids with their homework, the last thing you want to deal with is a call from a stranger with a sales pitch. Congress along with President Bush have just established a way to protect you from bothersome telemarketing calls.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has joined with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC)

to create a National Do Not Call Registry. This registry is a tool that will help ensure that telemarketers respect the privacy of our nation's citizens.

The National Do Not Call Registry will allow people to limit most unwanted telemarketing calls by registering their home or cell phone numbers. Registration can be completed by phone or over the internet, and it is free of charge. The service also comes at no expense to the taxpayers, as it is fully funded by the telemarketing industry.

As you may know, this past February Congress passed the Do-Not-Call Implementation Act which authorized the FTC to collect fees for

non-compliance that will be used to maintain the National Do Not Call Registry. I supported the passage of this legislation and I am proud to share this exciting news with you today.

If you are interested in finding out more about the Do Not Call Registry and how to register your telephone numbers, I urge you to visit donotcall.gov. Americans now have an opportunity to support a nationwide Do-Not-Call list and help curb those unwanted, telemarketing calls.

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weapons, nuclear devices, dirty bombs, and drugs that might be embedded in those trucks. Instead of unpacking and inspecting the contents of a cargo truck - which could take hours - PFNA would have the job done in just minutes. Not only would PFNA speed up cargo inspections

and provide increased protection against harmful materials, it will also allow for the testing of a greater number of trucks that cross the border into the country.

Efforts are currently underway by the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection and the Department of Defense to begin a field test of PFNA in Ysleta. I am working to ensure that there are no undue delays that would prevent this testing from occurring. The sooner it gets tested, the sooner

it can be deployed and we can count on having a more secure and more efficient border.

With all the technology currently available, it is necessary that we utilize it to ensure quick and fail-safe border crossings. Whether you think of the border as a daily commuting headache or a national security issue, increased use of the DCL, STEP and PFNA are equally beneficial. They are steps we need to take to improve the speed and safety of border crossings.

For Sanity's Sake By Taprina Milburn

"Hole"

A big hole in our yard has begun to attract a lot of attention.

Boys file into the back yard to look at it and measure it. Before I know it they've gone home to get extra shovels to dig and then they disappear into the hole.

I know as a mother I should set limits — to say "no" to a project that our house, or dogs, or lawnmower could potentially fall into. But I'm holding my tongue.

This hole started after my son saw the movie "Holes," in which teen boys sent to a work/reform camp were made to dig holes each day in the desert. The warden and her associates were crooks and thought there was treasure in the area where the boys were digging. She had hopes the boys would do all the dirty work for her and she would eventually become rich.

We don't have treasure in our back yard, only roly-polies and dirt. And just so I know my son and I are on the same page, I ask: "You do plan to dig only one hole? No. Let me restate that. You may dig only one hole."

With that worked out, he started the digging alone and dug for a couple of hours each day. He'd come in sweaty, famished and ready for bed.

His goal is to dig it 10-feet deep; he's almost halfway there.

Now that he has buddies interested in helping, his work is going much faster. But it's not just a boy project. My daughter and her friends are in-

trigued by the developing canyon. They don't mind getting dirty and have pitched in to help, spending hours scooping out dirt. Sometimes I find my son and daughter out in the hole digging alone together.

Some days my son and his friends say they are building a pond. Other days they're digging a storm shelter.

Because it's getting deep and difficult to climb out of (on occasion I've heard a faint voice calling me from the back yard, "Mom, help," and when I go out I find that my son can't get out of his hole) they've carved out steps. Kids are ingenious.

Don't you remember having that kind of imagination?

Maybe that's why, as crazy as it is, I'm letting my kids and their friends dig to China. I don't know how we are going to refill that hole because the dirt that hasn't been washed away by rain comes in the house with the kids.

Don't you remember how fun it was as a kid to get dirty?

I have a bold reminder of that in my den, kitchen and laundry room each day.

My role, I'm learning, is to sort of hang in the background. I've only been asked to look at their progress each day. I "ooh" and "ahh" every few hours and bring out the measuring tape and snacks. Dirt diggers get very hungry and thirsty.

Between you and me, though, I'm hoping before summer's end I get an invitation to dig.

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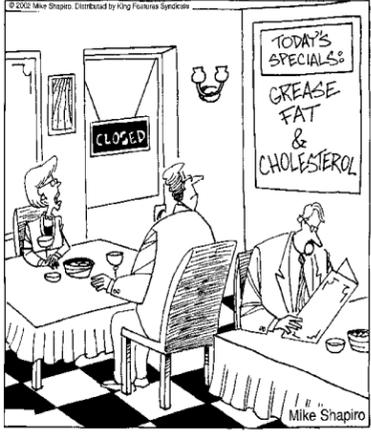
A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at **6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 22, 2003** during the **Special City Council Meeting** at City Hall, 14999 Darrington Road, Horizon City, Texas. Purpose of the public hearing is to allow any interested persons to appear and testify regarding the following:

- 1) An Outdoor Recreation Grant from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for Golden Eagle Park — an approximately 6 acre site, located on Golden Eagle Drive, between Horizon Manor #9-A and Frank Macias Elementary School (Clint Independent School District).

Those who are unable to attend may submit their views in writing to the City Clerk of Horizon City. Ordinances are too extensive to print. Ordinances are always available for viewing or copying upon request from the City Clerk at the above address.

Sandra Sierra
City Clerk

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Rockets

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few feet away. The air has a relaxed feeling to it, as if it had been holding its breath and had finally exhaled.

I could hear the dog prowling the yard below, sniffing and huffing. With an almost audible sigh, the community shuffled off to bed.

My alarm clock went off at 6 a.m. The sky was light and the breeze was still cooling the air. The birds were

rustling and chirping in the trees, last night's melee forgotten. I extracted myself from between the sleeping lumps in the covers next to me and lowered the ladder as quietly as I could, sitting for a few minutes enjoying the view of my home from a perspective I seldom see — from above.

My gaze wandered out across the rooftops toward the neighborhoods where the fireworks had been ignited the night before. They were shrouded in haze, lit by the morning sun. I wondered about the people who lived

there, if they would awake to a littered sidewalk or roadside, if they were safe and unharmed by the night's events.

Mostly, though, I wondered what it had meant to those who shouted and drank and ignited miniature bombs into the night sky — if somewhere amid the explosions and revelry they had spared a thought for justice, liberty and what freedom means.

Or if they even knew in the first place.

According to Horizon City Police Sgt. Ron Swenson, the Horizon police encountered no major activity over the 48-hour period from July 4 to July 6. He said they answered 138 dispatches, made three drunk driving arrests and two public intoxication arrests, cited two people for having open containers of alcohol in their cars, gave five citations for fireworks violations, three for curfew violations and one for possession of drug paraphernalia. They also handled one car accident and gave out 29 traffic citations.

HOMESTEAD MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NOTICE OF RULE MAKING

The Homestead Municipal Utility District (the "District") hereby gives notice that it has adopted new Rules Governing the Furnishing and Control of Water Services and Solid Waste Collection Services within the District (the "Rules"). Breach of these rules will subject violators to civil penalties of up to \$5,000.00, exclusive of interest. The effective date of these Rules is five days after the final publication date noted below.

Substantive Statement of the Amendment to the Rules and Regulations

On June 23, 2003, the District's Board of Directors, at its regular board meeting, adopted a comprehensive consolidation and revision of its existing Rules and Regulations. The new Rules are, in large part, a compilation of previously adopted rules and amendments. This notice sets forth the substance of the adopted Rules and a brief explanation to give an understanding of the structure and context of the Rules. Although the new Rules set forth various one-time fees and charges related to services provided by the District, the monthly rates for water and solid waste services and other charges may be set forth in separate rate and fee orders issued by the District's Board of Directors. A chapter by chapter analysis summary of the new Rules is as follows:

Chapter 1 sets forth the definition of the terms which are used in the new Rules.

Chapter 2, General Provisions, lays out the Rules which are generally applicable to all the types of services rendered by the District. It prohibits the free use of any service of the District system and requires that only one meter or one service be provided per dwelling or building. All dwellings and businesses within the boundaries of the District which require water for their ordinary and customary use and which have water lines located within 300 horizontal feet of a dwelling or business must connect to the District's system within 90 days after service becomes available. A customer may appeal in writing any ruling or action by a member of the District staff charged with the responsibility of making such ruling. In addition to the penalty stated above, the District may also disconnect water service as provided for by the Rules and/or an application for water service may be dismissed and any further processing terminated.

Chapter 3, Water Related Services, sets forth the conditions for the initiation of water service including the submission of certificates of compliance and a customer service inspection certificate. The chapter also provides the conditions under which stand-by fire service will be available.

Chapter 4, Protection of Water Supply, sets forth the requirements for back-flow prevention devices and cross connection control devices which will protect the water quality in the District system. These requirements drawn from the existing Rules, and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Rules for Public Drinking Water. The Rules specify that a District customer has the responsibility for preventing contaminants or pollutants originating on the customer's premises from entering the District's public water supply as well as the customer's own water system.

Chapter 5, Customer Rights and Responsibilities, specifies the limitations on water meter connections to each lot within the District. In recognition of current contractual limitations, in order to properly serve its present and future customers, protect its water system, and comply with its legal obligations, the District will limit one meter to each lot that was lawfully platted and recorded with the County of El Paso as of April 1, 1993. No meter connections will be provided to lots platted after April 1, 1993 until such time as the District has additional meters and supply available to serve new lots. Issuance of a meter for a non-residential use will include a condition that prohibits use by a high-volume water user. In the event a service connection remains inactive for one year or more after approval of the connection, the District may cancel the connection and remove or plug the service. Reinstalla-

tion or activation of the service will require a new extension and connection charge. No assurance is made as to future availability of meters. The chapter also sets out responsibility for any loss or damage to District property by customers. Revised water conservation measures are also adopted. These measures are similar to those adopted by the City of El Paso and restrict outdoor watering except in accordance with a specified schedule.

Chapter 6, Design and Ownership of Facilities, specifies that design, operation, and maintenance of all water facilities shall be in accordance with District standards.

Chapter 7, Discontinuance of Service, sets out the specific reasons for which water service may be discontinued and establishes procedures to assure due process and an opportunity for the customer to be heard before service is discontinued.

Chapter 8, Extension of Service to New Areas/Subdivisions, specifies the procedures for requesting and qualifying for water service extensions to areas not currently served by the District's public water system and where construction of an extension of the District's water distribution facilities is required. An application must be submitted for an extension of services and must include a description of the proposed project, including the size and number of proposed water connections, the anticipated water usage requirements and preliminary plans for the proposed subdivision or new area to be served. An administrative fee of \$1,000.00 to defray the expenses of processing the application is required. The fee may be increased based on the size of the subdivision. The District's engineer will prepare a cost estimate and a recommendation will be made to the Board of Directors as to approval of water service for the proposed subdivision.

Provision is made for a recommendation regarding plat approval to the appropriate plat approval authority. Upon approval of the plat by the District, the applicant shall enter into an appropriate development contract with the District, which will include provisions for the refund of frontage fees and cost sharing, if appropriate. At the option of the District, project construction may be done by the District, a contractor employed by the District, or by a contractor employed by the applicant. Procedures for letting of the bid and construction of the project are also described. The Rules also provide that water taps must be provided by the developer in the new subdivision and that individual purchasers must apply for water service in accordance with the Rules.

Chapter 9, Deposits and Charges, states that monthly charges for water service shall be in accordance with the rate orders adopted by the District's Board of Directors. The Rules also specify that a bill guaranty deposit and a service connection charge must be paid

prior to service being received from the District. Customer service extensions of water service lines from the property line to the building must conform to standard plumbing codes. Customers must also pay testing fees for the initial acceptance test on contaminant cross connection control assemblies. Rules are also adopted as to extension charges, calculation of frontages, frontage fee refunds, and special deposits applicable to water service.

When it is necessary to cut paving to make a connection, additional charges shall be assessed to the customer in accordance with adopted rates and charges, except when the connection is on a Texas Department of Transportation highway. In which case, the customer will pay the actual cost of meeting special TX-DOT requirements. Rules are adopted relating to partial refunds which may be given after a customer is required to construct or pay to construct boundary water lines. Offsite facilities such as reservoirs, pump stations and lines outside the boundaries of the property to be served may require a special deposit.

Chapter 10, Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Services, provides Rules under which the District will provide solid waste collection services to its residential water customers. All District residential water customers are required to use the solid waste collection and disposal services provided by the District. The customer will be billed by the District in accordance with the rate order adopted by the District, whether or not the service is actually utilized by the customer. District residents who are not currently receiving water service, but desire to receive solid waste collection service, may receive such services, but will be required to pay an advance fee equal to three times the monthly fee plus all applicable taxes and fees. Restrictions on routes and pick up days, location for pick up, responsibility for damage or loss of carts, or overloading the carts, are also provided. The District waste collector shall not be required to collect or accept any liquid waste, hazardous or toxic waste, or infectious medical waste. Each customer shall be required to maintain their waste cart in a clean, neat and sanitary condition so as to prevent nuisance conditions.

The full text of the Rules is on file in the District's offices, 3668 Desert Meadows Road, El Paso, TX 79938, where they may be read by any interested person.

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Workers

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troubleshooter came by each work site each day to check on progress and to see if there were any problems — the crews are not skilled carpenters or roofers or painters; they are amateurs.

They returned in the late afternoon for a meal prepared by the high school cafeteria staff. Devotional services were held in the evening.

Noon meals often found them enjoying the hospitality of the grateful families who invited them into their homes and fixed traditional Mexican food for them. That was the case in Chavez' home. About 10 paint-smearing kids enjoyed enchiladas and beans while exchanging lively and

good-natured banter.

"The bond is deep between the workers and the residents," says Ted Mosebach, director of the San Elizario project. Mosebach, 52, is the pastor of United Church of Christ in East Hartford, Conn. This is the 20th year in which he has given a week to the project.

"Each year it is a renewal of my spirit," he says. "I do this for me; I do it for the love of the work; it renews my heart and soul."

Mosebach emphasizes that this is not an evangelism ministry designed to bring others into the church.

"We simply show our faith through our work — through the sharing of God's love with others. The spiritual growth of teens," he points out, "is the first goal of the workcamps. Home repair is the avenue to that growth."

Reflecting that growth are Katie

Glasser, from Christ Community Church in Phoenix, AZ, and Margaret Molina, from Christ Lutheran Church in Brenham, TX. Both worked on the Chavez home.

"I think I've learned more than I have given," Glasser says. She admits she was somewhat reluctant entering into the project. "(But) we learned to trust God. Things worked out."

Molina, the adult team leader for the Chavez project, says she had some issues from home, issues that were put into perspective as the work week progressed. "It taught me to be less selfish," she said, "less asking" of others.

While their work is finished for this year, more home repair needs exist in San Elizario. Gloria Melendez, with Project Ayuda, says Group Workcamps will return in 2005 for new work projects.



SOCORRO, TEXAS PUBLIC NOTICE



A TIRE AMNESTY DAY will be held on Saturday, July 26, 2003 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Socorro Street Department, 241 Old Hueco Tanks Road. The line will form at the entrance of the complex. **You will be expected to unload tires from your vehicle.** The purpose of this tire amnesty day is to bring the Socorro and surrounding community areas together to reach two common goals. The goals are the removal of waste tires and the control of mosquitoes. Mosquitoes can transmit diseases such as **Encephalitis, Malaria, Dengue, and Yellow Fever. Encephalitis infected mosquitoes have been found in or around Socorro.** The disease can be fatal especially among children, the elderly or people with a low immune system. Ideal mosquito breeding areas are tires, which we all know are found in abundance throughout El Paso County. We can find tires on the rooftops of mobile homes, yards, roadsides, vacant lots, irrigation ditches, canals, the desert, or any other location where some people manage to dump them illegally.

During this amnesty day we will only accept passenger vehicle tires (**cars and pickups**) without rims. **NO tractor, semi, aircraft, large or commercial vehicle tires will be accepted.** This service will be **FREE OF CHARGE** and there is a limit of 15 tires per person that you will be allowed to drop off during this **ONE DAY EVENT**. Since there will be a separate tire amnesty day for businesses, we ask that local tire businesses not use this day to drop off their waste tires. However, these businesses can join the rest of the community in collecting illegally dumped waste tires throughout Socorro and surrounding areas. For further information, please contact Mario Sandoval at Environmental General, 594-1568. **ARRIVE EARLY, THE GATES WILL CLOSE PROMPTLY AT 2:45 PM! LET'S ALL COME TOGETHER AS A PROUD COMMUNITY AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

AVISO PUBLICO

SE HA DESIGNADO EL SABADO 26 DE JULIO DEL 2003 DE LAS 9:00 AM a las 3:00 PM COMO EL DÍA DE AMNISTÍA PARA LA RECOLECCIÓN DE LLANTAS USADAS. El lugar designado es el departamento de calles de Socorro localizado en el 241 Old Hueco Tanks Road. La línea se formara empezando en la entrada del complejo. **Usted sera responsable por descargar las llantas de su vehículo. Se han encontrado mosquitos infectados con el virus de Encefalitis en el area de Socorro.** Esta enfermedad puede ser mortal especialmente en los niños, personas de edad avanzada, y personas con problema del system inmunológico. El proposito de este día de amnistia es para unir a la comunidad de Socorro y sus alrededores con la intencion de recolectar llantas usadas para poder mantener el control de mosquitos y evitar enfermedades como **Encefalitis, Malaria, Dengue, y Fiebre Amarilla.** Los lugares favoritos para la reproducción de los mosquitos, son los siguientes: llantas usadas tiradas por las calles, carreteras, terrenos vacios, y canales de irrigación. Tambien se encuentran llantas en los patios de las casas, en drenajes y en los techos de las casas móvil.

En este día de amnistia se aceptaran solamente llantas de vehiculos personales sin rines. **NO se aceptaran llantas de vehiculos comerciales este día. Este servicio se ofrece gratuitamente para la comunidad.** Habrá un limite en la cantidad de llantas que traigan Se aceptara solamente 15 llantas por persona. **Este evento es de un solo día.** Se les pide a los comerciantes que por favor no usen este día para deshacerse de sus llantas. Vamos a tener otro día de recolección de llantas para los comerciantes. Se le invita a los comerciantes que se unan con la comunidad para este evento tan grande en la recolección de llantas usadas que se han tirado ilegalmente en terrenos vacios, canales y las calles de la comunidad de Socorro y sus alrededores. Para mas informacion llame a Mario Sandoval representante de este programa al numero 594-1568. **¡Llegue temprano, las puertas se cerraran ha las 2:45 PM en punto! Juntos podemos lograr una comunidad orgullosa. ¡Hagamos la diferencia!**

**EL PASO CITY-COUNTY HEALTH & ENVIRONMENTAL DISTRICT
VECTOR CONTROL INITIATIVE PROGRAM**

City of Horizon City PUBLIC NOTICE

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held during a **Regular Planning and Zoning Meeting on Thursday, July 31, 2003 at 6:30 p.m.** at City Hall, 14999 Darrington Road, Horizon City, Texas. The purpose of the public hearing is to allow any interested persons to appear and comment regarding proposed rezoning of the following property:

- 1) A portion of Section 30, Block 78, Township 3, Texas and Pacific Railway Company Surveys, being a portion of Lot 21 and all of Lots 22-47, Block 1, a portion of Lots 9 and 22 and all of Lots 1-8 and Lots 23-30, Block 2, a portion of Lots 14 and 27 and all of Lots 1-13 and Lots 28-40, Block 3, all of Lots 1-8 and a portion of Lot 9, Block 4, all of Block 5, Horizon Mesa Unit Two, from R-1, Residential to R-9, Residential.

Those who are unable to attend may submit their views in writing to the City Clerk of Horizon City at the above address.

Sandra Sierra
City Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE / AVISO PUBLICO Tornillo Independent School District Distrito Escolar Independiente de Tornillo

Public Meeting To Review Federally Funded Programs Junta Pública Para Examinar Programas de Fondos Federales

Tornillo Independent School district will conduct a meeting to review the following TISD programs funded by federal and state compensatory funds:

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Tornillo llevará a cabo una junta pública para examinar los siguientes programas de TISD de fondos compensatorios federales y estatales:

- Title I, Parts A and D — Supplemental Education Services and Neglected Delinquent Youth,
Título I, Partes A y D — Servicios Educativos Suplementarios y Juventud Delincuente y Desatendida;
- Title I, Part C — Education of Migratory Children,
Título I, Parte C — Educación para niños Migratorios;
- Title II Parts A and D — Professional Development and Technology Enhancement,
Título II, Partes A y D — Desarrollo Profesional y Mejoramiento en Tecnología;
- Title III, - LEP and Immigrant,
Título III, Ingles Limitado e Immigrante;
- Title IV, Part A — Safe and Drug Free Schools,
Título IV, Parte A — Escuelas Libres de Drogas y Seguras;
- Title V, Part A — Innovative Programs,
Título V, Parte A — Programas Innovadores;
- IDEA — B Formula, Idea — B Cap. Bldg. & Imp.,
IDEA — B Formula, Idea — B Edificio Capital y Mejoramiento;
- IDEA — B Pre School — Special Education,
IDEA — B Pre Escolar — Educación Especial.

The meeting for Public Review of Federal Application for Educational Funding for Tornillo ISD will be held July 23, 2003 at 4:00 p.m. at Tornillo Administration Office, 19200 Cobb Avenue.

La junta para Revisión Pública de la Solicitud Federal para Fondos Educativos para Tornillo ISD se llevará a cabo 23 de Julio del 2003 a las 4:00 p.m. en la Oficina Administrativa que esta ubicada en 19200 Cobb Avenue.

For more information, call 764-2366 / ext. 267.
Para más información, llame al 764-2366 / ext. 267.

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It will take more than firing the office staff to clean up the Trailblazers

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

Is your team in disarray?
Is it full of drug dealers, wife-beaters, assault-minded thugs, child-support skippers, tax-evaders, attempted-rapists, alcohol-abusers or players engaged in any one of several other assorted acts declared corrupt by the vast majority of society?
And if it is chocked full of these unsavory characters, what do you do — what do you do?
Well, if you're the Portland Trailblazers, you do the best thing you can to clean up the organization — and

you naturally fire 88 members of the front office workers and arena staff.
Boy, talk about the inmates running the asylum.
Don't get rid of troublemakers Rasheed Wallace, Damon Stoudamire, Ruben Patterson, Bonzi Wells or Zach Randolph. Get rid of all the hard-working regular people who work there from 9-5.
Want a good laugh? Blazers' representatives actually said the moves were done to cut costs. Cut costs? The money saved by ridding themselves of 88 office staff is the equivalent of maybe six months salary of one player.
Among the firings were the radio play-by-play announcer and the

team's community affairs director.
But fear not, NBA fans and comedy writers, the Portland players, at least those with work furloughs, will be returning for yet another ink-blotted-stained season.
I wish the secretary with kids in school and the scoreboard electrician with the sick mother were returning, too, but I guess you have to prioritize.
Nice guys finish last, you know.
Doesn't it bother anyone that most of the Trailblazer's players are becoming better known by their post office photos than their team photos?
Rings for sale?
The Los Angeles Lakers are try-

ing to buy an NBA championship. There's only one problem — as far as I know the NBA still only allows one basketball on the court at a time. And that could be a problem.
See, Shaquille O'Neal, Kobe Bryant, Karl Malone and Gary Payton are used to being "the man," "the center of attention," "the straw that stirs the drink," "the main attract..." oh, you get my drift.
I could be wrong but I thought I heard a report out of L.A. that work had already begun at the Staples Center to enlarge the arena doors in order to let all the huge egos in.
What kind of a team will the Lakers have next season?
Can't you just see Rick Fox dribbling at the top of the key and four guys screaming at him for the ball?
Can you picture Kobe taking less than 30 shots a game? When is the last time you saw the ball go in to the Mailman and he passed it back out?
When is the last time you saw Shaq

say "yes," to either extra free throw shooting in practice or just a salad after practice.
And how long will it take before Payton has his annual meltdown on the sideline?
I don't think any teams will stop the Lakers from winning a title next year — I think they will implode from within.
SausageGate
Have you ever seen that hilarious sight at Milwaukee Brewers games of the four sausages racing around the infield.
These are not real giant mutant sausages, of course, but people — mostly young ladies — wearing giant sausage costumes to entertain the fans at the ball game.
One night the hot dog will win, the next night the bratwurst may take the title. The Polish sausage has won a race or two and still on another night

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Canutillo Independent School District Public Notice

Notice of Non-Discrimination in Career and Technology Programs

Canutillo Independent School District offers programs in Agriculture Science Technology, Business Education, Career Investigations, Career Connections, Diversified Career Preparation, Family and Consumer Science, Health Science Technology, Marketing Education, Technology Education, and Trade and Industrial Education. Admission to Career and Technology Education programs is based on career counseling, interest and aptitude, age appropriateness, and class space availability.

It is the policy of Canutillo Independent School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or disability, in its Career and Technology Education programs, services or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

It is the policy of Canutillo Independent School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its employment practices as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

Canutillo Independent School District will take steps to ensure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and Career and Technology Education programs.

For information about your rights or grievance procedure, contact the Title IX Coordinator, Renee O'Donnell, at P.O. Box 100, Canutillo, Texas 79835, (915) 877-7423, rodonnell@canutillo.k12.tx.us and/or the Section 504 Coordinator, Karen Judd, at P.O. Box 100, Canutillo, Texas 79835, (915) 877-7433, kjudd@canutillo.k12.tx.us.

Aviso Publica

Notificación Publica de no Discriminar en los Programas de Carrera y Tecnología

El Distrito Independiente Escolar de Canutillo ofrece programas en Tecnología en Ciencias de Agricultura, Negocios, Investigación de Profesiones, Consumo Familiar, Tecnología en Ciencia de la Salud, Educación de Mercadeo, Educación Tecnológica y Desarrollo de Oficios Industriales. El ingreso a estos programas se basa en recomendación de consejeros escolares, interés académico, aptitudes, edad apropiada y disponibilidad de lugares en las clases.

Es norma del Distrito Independiente Escolar de Canutillo el no discriminar la participación en estos programas por motivos de raza, color de piel, nacionalidad, sexo ó incapacidad. Lo anterior en base a lo requerido por las enmiendas a: el Título VI del Decreto de Derechos Civiles de 1964, el Título IX de Educación, y el Decreto de Rehabilitación de 1973 Sección 504.

Es norma del Distrito Independiente Escolar de Canutillo el no discriminar por motivos de raza, color de piel, nacionalidad, sexo, incapacidad o edad la contratación de personal tal como lo requiere las enmiendas a: el Título IX del Decreto de Derechos Civiles de 1964, el Título IX de Educación de 1972, El Decreto de de No Discriminación de 1975 y la Sección 504 del Decreto de Rehabilitación de 1973.

El Distrito Independiente Escolar de Canutillo implantará las medidas necesarias para asegurar que la falta de habilidad en el uso del idioma inglés no sea un obstáculo para la admisión y participación en los programas educativos y vocacionales.

Para obtener información sobre sus derechos ó procedimientos para quejas comunicarse con Renee O'Donnell, Coordinadora del Título IX, a la siguiente dirección: P.O. Box 100, Canutillo, TX 79835, teléfono (915) 877-7423, correo electrónico: rodonnell@canutillo.k12.tx.us ó con Karen Judd, Coordinadora de la Sección 504 a la siguiente dirección: P.O. Box 100, Canutillo, TX 79835, teléfono (915) 877-7433, correo electrónico: kjudd@canutillo.k12.tx.us.

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King Super Crossword

DISCOUNTING DAD

ACROSS

1 Bargain
5 Sagan or Sandburg
9 Actress Arlene
13 Trite
18 _ podrida
19 Spread in a tub
20 Jai _
21 Brimmed hat
22 Move like a hummingbird
23 Runner Zatopek
24 "The _ Is High" (80 hit)
25 Cashew kin
26 Start of a remark by Bob Phillips
30 Catchall abbr.
31 Echidna's tidbit
32 Sharpen
33 Prune
36 School subject
40 "Beat it!"
42 Dandy
45 Simpson of fashion
47 Sausage segment
48 TV's _ & Greg"
50 Tax shelter
51 Wolsey's successor
52 Green house?
53 Pianist Glenn
54 Light beer
56 Monstrous
58 Worries
59 PR concern
60 Shuffleboard stick
62 Bovine bellow
63 Swarm (with)
66 Word with man or maiden
67 Middle of remark

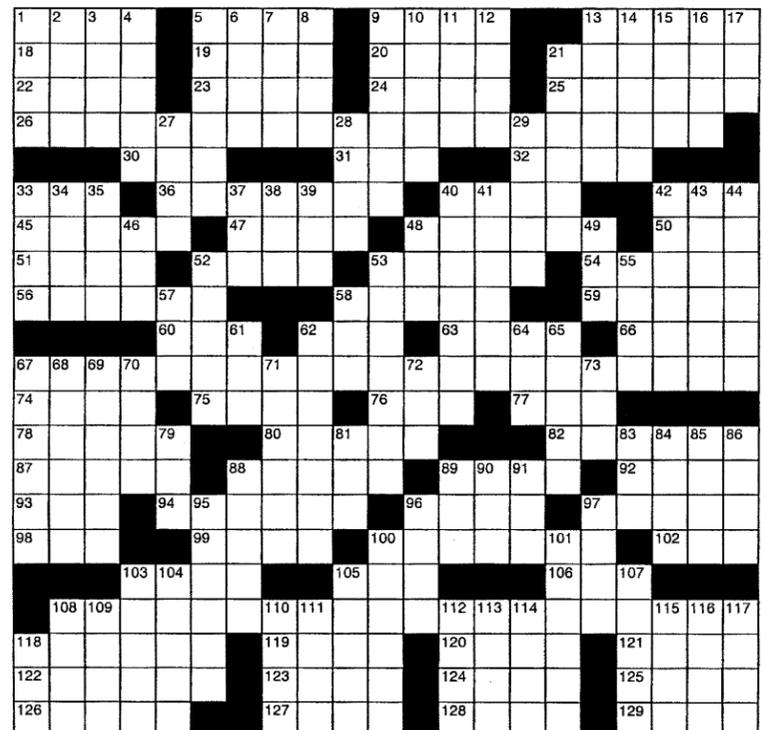
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75 Borscht ingredient
76 A Stooze
77 Slip up
78 Michael of "Dynasty"
80 Dietary need
82 Harvest tool
87 Sans emotion
88 Heaped
89 Entice
92 _ price
93 Flagon filler
94 Actress Plummer
96 Wet blanket
97 Highlight hair
98 Rock's _ Zeppelin
99 Bailiwick
100 Make a mistake
102 Ewe said it!
103 Summer top
105 Actress Leoni
106 It may be split
108 End of remark
118 Golden girl
119 Bustle
120 Glum drop?
121 Taj town
122 Shrink back
123 Mighty mite
124 Concerned with
125 Indigent
126 Put on a pedestal
127 Skirt shaper
128 Playwright
O'Casey
129 Humorist
Bombeck

DOWN

1 Take off a toque
2 Fitzgerald or Grasso
3 Landed
4 Woodworking tool

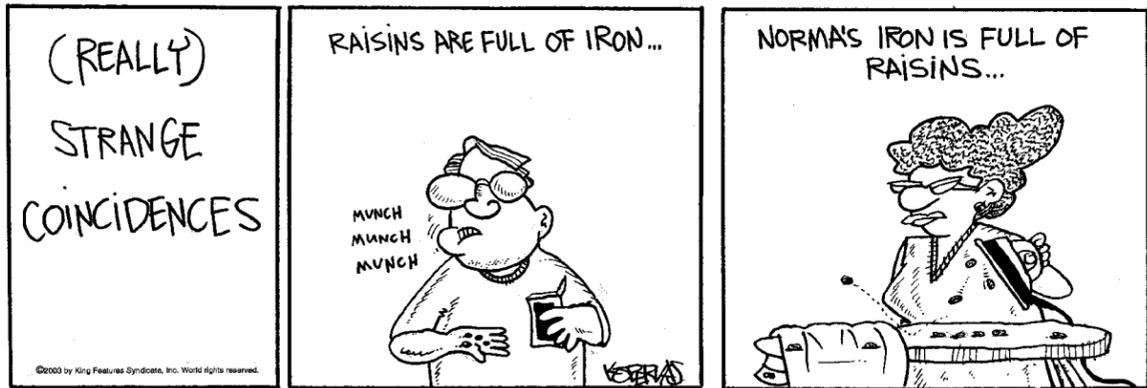
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7 Actor Wallace
8 Entertainer Falana
9 Archaeological activity
10 "He's making _..."
11 Muslim pilgrimage
12 Place
13 "Ma _ Amie" (70 tune)
14 Fess up
15 Cranny's companion
16 "Rule Britannia" composer
17 Youngster
21 Comprehend
27 Raison d'_
28 Pull sharply
29 Damocles' dangler
32 Writer Charles
34 Bouquet
35 Neighbor of Bolivia
37 Pie _ mode
38 Uproar
39 Calligraphy supply
40 Move to and fro
41 WWII admiral
42 Barber of Seville
43 Beaver State
44 Rear
46 Permit
48 Female goat
49 Campbell of UB40
52 Caption
53 Cared for a Clydesdale
55 In the thick of
57 Expert
58 Eddie of vaudeville
61 Nationality suffix
62 "Waltzing _" (1903 song)
64 Pupil's place
65 Dotty inventor?
67 Servile
68 Prophet
69 Neatened (up)
70 Sock part
71 Characterize
72 Negative correlative
73 Psychic Geller
79 Rug type
81 Arthur of "Maude"
83 Mongrel
84 Handle
85 Kudrow of "Friends"
86 James or Jones
88 Cozy coat
89 "Hulk" Ferrigno
90 Decorative vase
91 Chianti color
95 Comic Howie
96 Dull
97 Set loose
100 Suit
101 Screenwriter Nora
103 High-toned guy?
104 Actress MacDowell
105 Henry VIII's house
107 Dumbstruck
108 "Citizen Kane" prop
109 Somewhat, to Solti
110 For men only
111 Lorre role
112 Patriot James
113 Hawaii's state bird
114 "Cheerio!"
115 Perpetual lab assistant
116 Starting at
117 Binchy's "_ Road"
118 It may be strapless

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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



A picture is worth...

By Don Flood

"I disappoint people who meet me in person because I don't look like me."

That's a real quote from Tyra Banks, Sports Illustrated swimsuit model.

Boy, do I know where she's coming from.

I don't look like me either, never did.

The real me is well over 6 feet, has a full head of hair, chiseled features and a rippling midsection of rock-hard abs.

Miss Banks' quote came from a USA Today story about how magazines doctor photos, sometimes even using portions of different pictures to make a composite.

Some of these cut-and-paste jobs are more successful than others.

A recent cover of Redbook, for example, gave the unfortunate impression that Julia Roberts had a head the size of Volkswagen bus, which was fastened awkwardly onto the body of a paper doll.

She looked like a bobble-head doll, only less realistic.

In actual fact, Miss Roberts' head is no larger than a small washer-dryer combo, a detail confirmed by her publicist.

(Reports that Miss Roberts was planning sequel to "Pretty Woman" called "Woman with the Pretty Big Head" remained unconfirmed at press time, probably because that's when the reports were first made up.)

But the article contained an even more astounding fact.

Tyra Banks said, and I quote, "I openly admit I have cellulite."

Where? Not in the photos!

I have no idea why that wasn't on the front page, even if they had to work it in.

Something like: *Middle East Peace Plan Stalls; Secretary Powell Cites Tyra Banks' Cellulite As Stumbling Block.*

I mean, how much cellulite are we talking about?

Obviously, the Bush Administration wants to play it down, but remember, folks, you read it here first: *Tyra Banks is as big as a baby elephant.*

The problem is, much of our modern economy is based on Super Models.

In the past century we have evolved from the Industrial Age, where we made stuff, to the Information Age, where we, um, shuffled papers and typed a lot —

Was I the only person who never understood what we were supposed to do with all that information? — to what many leading thinkers are now calling the Bootylicious Age, where every woman expects to look like Tyra Banks.

Except that — and this is the scary part — *even Tyra Banks doesn't look like Tyra Banks!*

Each year, women spend billions of dollars trying to look just like her. (Not all women spend billions, some only spend millions.)

If women suddenly stopped believing they could look like Tyra, our economy would collapse.

Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan is well aware of this and has counseled President Bush about sending Tyra and her fat self off to the same undisclosed location as Dick Cheney, where her cellulite wouldn't pose such a risk for our economy.

Special note to women: All the other women out there may be de-luding themselves, but you look just like: Tyra Banks!

Unless, of course, you want to look just like Jennifer Aniston or Angelina Jolie, in which case you look exactly like them!

Special note to men: Go with it. It's for your country.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

As per Article V, Sec. 5.05(a), all owners and lienholders have ten (10) days from this date to reclaim their vehicles at Southwest Wrecker, 1401 Darrington Rd., 855-1900, 851-2091-fax, or it will be sold at public auction for charges: VIN - 1P3AA46K4RF192289, 1994 Plymouth Accent, green, paper license plates WTXCC-07/17/03

SOCORRO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT Invitation to RFQ:

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

lowing times:

LEGAL SERVICES (GENERAL COUNSEL) CSP NO. 199-0728-0385 TUESDAY, JULY 29, 2003, 10:00 P.M.

Proposals will be received at Business Services Dept., 12300 Eastlake Drive, El Paso, Texas 79928 until the specified times. Detailed specifications are available from the above office between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. WTCC-07/17/03

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Sports

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that huge Italian sausage might break the tape first.

The race is fun and competitive but never has it been dangerous — until last week.

I'm sure by now all of you have heard of the incident involving Pittsburgh Pirates' player Randall Simon. He was the guy on the top steps of the Pittsburgh dugout as the sausage raced ran by during the sixth inning of their game on July 9.

Simon, with the kind of humor that would make Mike Tyson envious, hit one of the racers with his baseball bat as she passed causing her to fall to the ground and, in turn, causing another female in costume to take a tumble.

Both had scraped knees and not much else but authorities were not amused.

Simon was taken into custody and interrogated by the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Department, suspended by MLB for three games and had to pay a small fine.

Some stories have happy endings and some don't, but in a story like this one, sadly, there are no winners.

Finalist

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level of competence. We really appreciate her leadership. She is a wonderful mentor teacher."

More honors may await Salas. As the Texas Teacher of the Year, she automatically competes for National Association of Bilingual Teachers honors. She has to submit additional materials by October and hopes to know by the end of the year as to whether she has won.

"I am very happy; I am very overwhelmed," Salas says. "It is a great honor for me to represent all of the bilingual teachers in Texas — for those who believe in bilingual education."

Born in El Paso but reared in Juarez, Salas, who has 10 years of teaching experience, says she is "living proof that bilingual education works."

What drives her in her teaching, she explains, is to give her students the same opportunities for success that she has achieved. Her success, her fulfillment comes, she adds, in seeing her students pass the tests and become proficient in another language other than their mother tongue. She explains her philosophy.

"Having high expectations for myself makes me have high expectations for my students. I encourage them to try their best. I make them feel proud about themselves, their work, their native language, heritage and the privilege of being a citizen of this country."

The professional recognition from TABE is not the only one for Salas.

She has also been nominated for the 2003 national Teacher of the Year award sponsored by Hispanic Magazine and Nordstrom's department stores. The recognition is a part of their efforts to recognize teachers who are doing their best to motivate and prepare students for the future.

Salas is also Region 19 Elementary Teacher of the Year and was awarded a similar distinction by Canutillo ISD in the 2001-02 school year.



Briefs

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vaccinated and returned to their wild homes. Daily operations were recently acquired by the Humane Society of El Paso in an effort to facilitate fundraising, data management and veterinary reimbursements. For more information about the EPVMA Feral Cat TNR Program call Dr. Robin Dettman at 755-2231. Contributions can be sent to the EPVMA Feral Cat Program, P.O. Box 808, Santa Teresa, NM 88008.

■ Beware of door-to-door roof

and home repair companies, says Greg Abbott, Attorney General of Texas. Recent reports from the Houston area indicate that home repair scams, especially for roof repairs, are alive and well. With Hurricane Claudette now bearing down on the Texas coast, seniors should be especially cautious. "Our experience has been that after a major storm, fly-by-night repair companies may try to take advantage of homeowners anxious to replace lost shingles and seal leaks. Exercise the same caution you would use at any other time," he said. "Use licensed or bonded contractors or builders, don't be rushed into signing a contract, and don't pay for work that has not been done. Get the terms of any warran-

ties in writing and ask for references from other customers. Some of these scammers may appear professional and may be very polite and friendly. If a repairman approaches you about repairs you aren't sure you need, be very cautious. If that person tries to pressure you into withdrawing money from your bank account, call your local police."

■ The El Paso Playhouse is seeking actors and actresses to perform in two upcoming productions. "Murder on the Nile," directed by Louise Guard-Ramirez, will audition on Monday, Aug. 18 at 7 p.m. for performances Oct. 10-Nov. 1. "Our Town" auditions will be held Sept. 14-15, 7 p.m. for perfor-

mances Nov. 14-Dec. 6, directed by Kevin P. Mullin. A variety of men, women and children of all ages are needed. All auditions are at the El Paso Playhouse, 2501 Montana. Information: 532-1317.

■ The Texas Historical Commission (THC) needs community help to ensure its newest initiative, the Historic Endangered Landmarks Program (HELP), is a success. The THC is working to identify important heritage sites throughout the state that are threatened and in need of assistance to be preserved. The program will identify, record and publicize significant endangered properties and will assist communities in addressing threats and reducing or eliminating them. The

HELP program focuses on the concept that citizens are most aware of threatened properties in their own vicinity, as well as the specific nature of the threats and solutions to reduce them. An Endangered Historic Property Identification Form has been sent to preservationists across the state and will soon be available on the THC web site at www.thc.state.tx.us. Selected sites will be nominated to the National Trust for Historic Preservation's list of Most Endangered Historic Properties. For more information, contact Peter Ketter of the THC's History Programs Division at 512-463-5942 or email peter.ketter@thc.state.tx.us.

WEATHER

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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR EL PASO

THURSDAY	THUR. NIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
							
▲ 80°	▼ 70°	▲ 90° ▼ 70°	▲ 92° ▼ 72°	▲ 94° ▼ 72°	▲ 94° ▼ 72°	▲ 96° ▼ 70°	▲ 96° ▼ 70°

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	10	Very High
Sunday	8	High
Monday	10	Very High
Tuesday	10	Very High
Wednesday	10	Very High

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Thursday	77°
Friday	85°
Saturday	86°
Sunday	88°
Monday	91°
Tuesday	97°
Wednesday	91°

AGRICULTURE

There will be 6-8 hours of sunshine Thursday. A couple of thunderstorms will pop up in the afternoon. Any thunderstorm can produce up to 0.25 of an inch of rain. Another thunderstorm is possible Friday. The weekend will be dry with partial sunshine and warm temperatures.

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Anthony	80	70
Canutillo	80	71
Clint	79	69
E. Montana	80	70
Fabens	79	69
Horizon	80	71
San Elizario	78	68
Socorro	80	69
Tornillo	79	69
Vinton	80	71

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



TRAVELERS CITIES

City	Thur. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W
Albuquerque	91/66/pc	88/66/s	87/66/pc	90/68/pc	91/64/s
Atlanta	90/72/pc	90/70/pc	90/70/pc	90/70/pc	90/71/pc
Atlantic City	83/66/pc	85/66/pc	85/66/pc	84/65/pc	84/65/s
Austin/San Antonio	90/72/c	93/74/pc	94/72/pc	94/74/pc	95/73/pc
Baltimore	88/66/s	88/68/pc	88/68/pc	90/70/pc	85/65/s
Boston	84/66/pc	84/64/pc	82/66/pc	86/68/pc	81/60/pc
Chicago	84/64/s	82/66/s	84/64/pc	82/62/pc	81/58/pc
Dallas/Ft. Worth	98/76/s	98/76/s	98/78/s	97/78/pc	97/76/pc
Denver	96/64/s	96/60/s	92/60/pc	94/62/pc	84/54/c
Flagstaff	83/52/pc	81/51/pc	81/51/pc	83/52/pc	82/49/s
Houston	95/75/pc	94/75/pc	94/72/pc	94/72/pc	94/70/pc
Kansas City	95/74/pc	95/76/pc	92/74/pc	90/69/pc	88/67/c
Las Vegas	106/82/s	106/82/pc	104/82/s	103/82/s	102/80/s
Miami	90/79/pc	88/78/pc	88/78/pc	89/79/pc	91/76/pc
Minneapolis	84/66/c	84/63/pc	83/63/pc	82/63/s	79/55/c
New Orleans	92/76/pc	90/77/pc	92/77/pc	91/76/pc	92/73/pc
New York City	84/72/pc	85/70/pc	84/71/pc	82/70/pc	84/69/s
Philadelphia	88/68/pc	88/70/pc	86/70/pc	88/72/pc	85/70/s
Phoenix	106/86/pc	106/84/pc	106/84/pc	106/84/s	106/81/s
Portland	83/58/s	84/58/s	80/58/pc	82/59/pc	80/55/pc
San Francisco	77/56/pc	69/57/pc	68/57/pc	74/57/s	72/56/s
Seattle	75/54/s	80/56/s	76/56/pc	74/56/pc	75/52/pc
Tucson	98/75/pc	100/75/pc	100/75/pc	100/75/pc	102/75/pc
Washington, DC	88/72/s	88/74/pc	88/74/pc	92/76/pc	86/69/s

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



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