

NEWSBRIEFS

Horizon visit

Congressman Silvestre Reyes visited Horizon City Town Hall on Monday to get acquainted with newly seated Mayor Diane Whitty. Numerous issues involving rural communities were discussed including road planning and construction, water concerns, rising taxes, and grant possibilities. Assistance for residents to convert from swamp coolers to air conditioning was among items discussed.

Vinton water funds

Funding to improve the water system in Vinton was among items included in the Veterans Affairs-Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Bill (VA-HUD) for fiscal year 2004. About \$200,000 was approved for the El Paso Water Utilities to use for water infrastructure improvements in the Village of Vinton according to Congressman Silvestre Reyes.

In other news

Free or low-cost prescription medicines are frequently available directly from the manufacturer in patient assistance programs, but these programs are seldom publicized, according to The Cost Containment Research Institute in Washington, D.C. which has published a 48-page A to Z listing in a booklet entitled "Free or Low Cost Prescription Drugs." It includes information on where and how to access these programs. Consumers can receive the booklet by sending \$5 to cover the cost of printing, postage and handling to: The Institute Fulfillment Center, Booklet #PD-60, P.O. Box 210, Dallas, PA 18612-0210. More information is also available at www.institute-dc.org. or by calling (202) 318-0770.

With the opening this Thursday of the Los Paisanos' Fine Arts Gallery newest exhibition *Of Paint and Stone* at Chamizal National Memorial, 800 S. San Marcial, the Memorial renews its dedication to the exploration of peace through the arts. Featuring the work of Rosario Ponte and Claude Montes, both well-known award winning regional artists, the exhibition opens on July 31, 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Los Paisanos Gallery. The public is invited. Admission is free and both artists will be present. The exhibition runs through Aug. 24. Work will be available for sale in the gallery which has weekday hours of 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and on request during weekend hours. For information, call 915-532-7273.

New student registration is now underway at Canutillo Independent School District's six school campuses. Classes start Monday, Aug. 18. Canutillo ISD officials urge parents new to the district to register their children before the first day of school

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You can't pay cash for wisdom. It comes to you on the installment plan.

— Quips & Quotes

Two arrested for graffiti

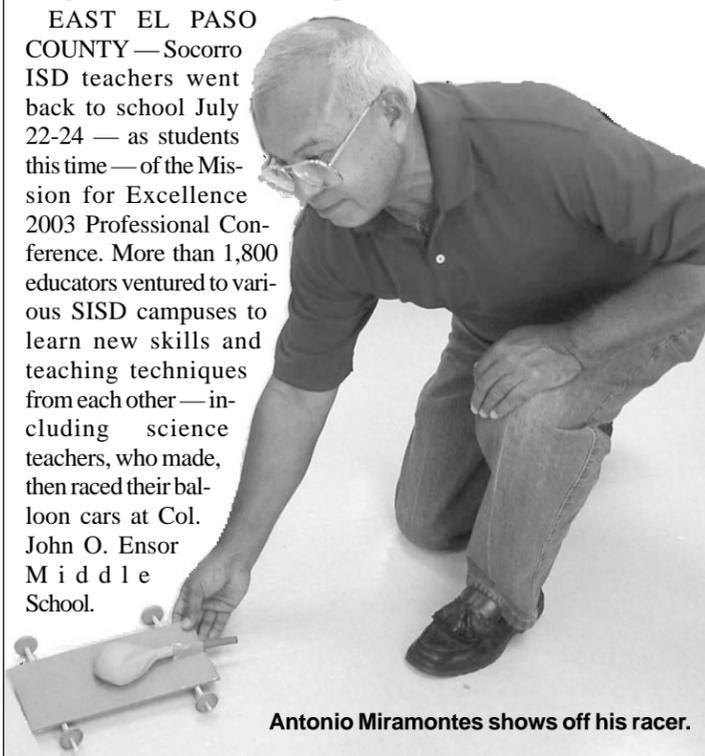


HORIZON CITY — Two Horizon youths were arrested by Horizon City Police on July 18 on charges of graffiti and possession of drugs. Corporal D. Ortiz and part-time Officer D. Ramos

stopped the two at 1 a.m. for questioning because of recent crime in the area. Arturo Soriano, 18, of the 200 block of Barrel Cactus and an unidentified 15-year-old juvenile were walking north in the 100 block of Eastlake. Officers found a small amount of marijuana and a can of black spray paint when they searched the pair, who also had fresh black paint on their hands. The officers had seen freshly painted graffiti on street signs, the walls of the Horizon Vista Grocery and the inside of an apartment complex laundry room, as shown here. To report activity of this kind call 546-2280 or 911.

Teachers become students again during conference

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — Socorro ISD teachers went back to school July 22-24 — as students this time — of the Mission for Excellence 2003 Professional Conference. More than 1,800 educators ventured to various SISD campuses to learn new skills and teaching techniques from each other — including science teachers, who made, then raced their balloon cars at Col. John O. Ensor Middle School.



Antonio Miramontes shows off his racer.

Clint makes headlines in beautification and environmental projects

CLINT — Who keeps Texas beautiful? In the Lower Valley community of Clint's part of Texas it is the numerous citizens and local volunteers who have made it a personal project to improve and beautify this valley community — and all that effort is paying off.

On Aug. 5 at 7 p.m., Mayor Charles Gonzalez will present a check for \$60,000 to the local volunteers and residents of Clint which has been named one of the Governor's Community Achievement Award Winners.

The award was based on the town's efforts to reduce solid waste, clean up illegal dumpsites, beautify the community and involve the community and schools in different beautification projects and programs.

As a result Clint is sharing in \$1,000,000 in landscaping prizes from the Texas Department of Transportation. Representatives from Clint were recognized during the 36th Annual Keep Texas Beautiful Conference in Dallas on July 11.

"Though faced with their fair share of obstacles, Keep Clint Beautiful (KCB) has moved mountains to improve their community environment this year," said Jennifer Harlow, spokesman for Keep Texas Beautiful. "Clint is working to shrug off the title 'colonia.' KCB provides the opportunity for Clint residents to take ownership, responsibility and pride in their community and work together to gain the services that the town currently does not have."

Clint has obtained a 60-acre property for

which Texas Parks and Wildlife is providing design. When fully developed it will include a sports park, eight miles of walking trails and four neighborhood parks, Harlow said.

As a result of the example of Robert Hernandez, who planted and donated squash and watermelon to senior citizens in Clint, a community garden has also been established, tended by Clint High School Environmental Club, town employees and citizens.

In the fall, baskets of fresh vegetables, melons, chiles, pecans and pomegranates were given the elderly. The Environmental Club also raised some \$400 to plant a flower garden to add fresh flowers to the baskets.

"They are an inspiration to us all," Harlow said.

A little culture shock expected in international teacher swap

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — The coming school year will be one to remember for Helen Ball Elementary School teacher David Dominguez. He'll swap jobs with teacher and school principal Peter Fisher of Melton-Mowbray, Leicestershire, England for that year. The opportunity for the educators comes from the Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program.

Fisher arrived in El Paso July 16, and will begin teaching Dominguez' 5th grade students July 28. Dominguez left for San Antonio and Washington, D.C. for training July 30, and will go to Melton from there.

"I'll be teaching third and fourth-grade students in Melton," says Dominguez. "Fisher is also the principal of his school. It will be so different, for the students and for me. I plan to take some of the teaching tools I have to use there."

The personable Fisher, tall and of athletic build, says it's important for him not to be a stereotypical Britisher while he teaches in El Paso.

"I've got to be my normal self, as much as possible," he says, grinning. "I have a dilemma. The dilemma for me is that people are expect-

ing to see an English person, so I've got to be careful. I don't want to be a stereotyped English person, the same way you wouldn't want to try to fit in wearing a Stetson and cowboy boots. I think the children probably would be

rather disappointed."

Fisher says he'll work very hard to teach the Texas curriculum to his fifth-grade students. "But there are other things we can look at. There's the American War for Independence. I can probably give them a different slant on the rebels..."

"I'm simply amazed — I've got American friends that always ask me about the royal family. Didn't you fight a war to get rid of the royal family? Do you want them back?"

After evaluating applications and interviews, the Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program matched Dominguez and Fisher. Dominguez says he'll be living on his Socorro salary while he's in England, and that he'll spend the next few days helping Fisher get settled in an El Paso apartment.

During his first two days in El Paso, Fisher bought a car, and he's excited about the Southwest's hiking and bicycling possibilities. "I love American sports. I watch them at home."

Dominguez is excited about the opportunity to teach and to learn from his English students, but adds, "I know I'm going to miss my mother's Mexican cooking."



TRADING PLACES — Helen Ball Elementary School teacher David Dominguez (right) will swap jobs with teacher and school principal Peter Fisher of Melton-Mowbray, Leicestershire, England for one year.



One perspective

By Francis Shrum

A house divided

Bob Hope died this week. He leaves behind a legacy of statesmanship, though he never held elected office. Hope's service to his neighbor and his nation, ever spiced with good humor, was based on a personal code of conduct. He required himself to live up to certain standards. I watched pictures of him on TV last night when, during Operation Desert Storm, the then-87-year-old comedian and his still-breath-taking wife, also in her 80's, boarded less-than-luxury accommodations to be transported to the desert near Kuwait. From the make-shift stage, the Hopes lived up to their name and reputation by singing, dancing, joking and encouraging "the boys" — letting them know they were loved and supported. I don't know what Bob Hope's political affiliation was, whether he was a Democrat or a Republican. It

really didn't matter. Bob Hope was, first and foremost, an American. Fast-forward to the Austin state capitol from which some state legislators have literally fled — again — to avoid being arrested and forced to perform the duty for which they were elected. Fast-forward to our nation's capitol where Washington, D.C. police are summoned by the leaders of one party against those of another because of a rancorous political disagreement. Why are we a house so divided? There are historical types among us who will point to the heated debates, even threatened fisticuffs, that took place during the colorful days in which our government was founded. Hasn't it always been this way? Well, no. Because the tenor of the disagreements we have these days is personal, petty and of no true weighty ideological consequence. Our arguments are based on who is going to get the bigger piece of pie at supper time, who will get the larger allowance, who will get the title of Hall Monitor so we can tattle on the other children for their misbehavior. It's all about childish ambition and power. We live in the United States but we are not really united. The very basis of the democratic government we all love to tout so freely when it supports our personal viewpoint is subject to complete disregard when it comes between us and getting what we want.

Democracy, rule of law, honesty, integrity and statesmanship are our greatest champions — unless they undermine our personal agendas. Then we will blatantly disregard, trample, ignore, denigrate and ride rough-shod over these principles in our mad rush for victory. We have been assisted in our two-faced-ness by a segment of our society of which many of its members have perfected the ability to twist, manipulate, pervert and undermine the very principles they present themselves as defenders. In other words, lawyers. I've heard all the "legal" reasons why the runaway Democrats say they are not breaking the law, and I haven't heard one yet that I could carry a drop of water in. Bottom line, they want it their way. Therefore, they will engage in childish behavior to halt the very process they promised to uphold. I've heard all the reasons why some Republicans in Washington, D.C. threatened to have some Democrats arrested — and they were equally groundless. Few of our legislators, state or national, consider the actual intent of the law — unless it means how intent they all are to make the law fit their personal interpretations. So I see in the news that we've lost another of the old-timers; that two promising young friends purchased guns to protect themselves from outside threats and wound up using them on one another; that even our most upstanding sports role models are guilty of adultery at the least, rape at the worst; and that El Paso's leading daily newspaper will publish on its front page — in almost life-size and in living color — the mutilated bodies of our enemies without regard for the young eyes that will see that picture. There is not much binding us together these days. As we drift toward being a house divided, looking for leadership and integrity in high places, we are finding precious little of either. We will miss Bob, but even more, we'll miss his Hope.



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Reyes Reports

By U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes

Financial appropriations for El Paso to improve quality of life

Or nowhere at all?

After the recent water restrictions that El Paso endured, we need improved infrastructure to utilize the water we do have. The Energy and Water Appropriations Bill also includes \$370,000 for the Haskell Street Wastewater Reclamation Project, which will provide reclaimed water to parks, schools, cemeteries, and industrial users located in central El Paso. The Desalination Project in east El Paso received \$7 million in the Veterans Affairs-Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Bill. With this money, El Paso Water Utilities and Fort Bliss will continue their valuable project that will allow El Paso to use the brackish water from the Hueco Bolson for everyday use.

Honoring the law

Since coming to Congress in 1996, one of my goals has been to improve resources and funding for border law enforcement officers. As someone who spent 26 and a half years in federal law enforcement and served in the El Paso area, I know the challenges facing our law enforcement officers. El Paso and other border communities need the federal government's assistance in paying for the criminal justice costs of undocumented aliens. SCAAP (State Criminal Alien Assistance Program) provides this assistance. It is a valuable program that will relieve El Paso taxpayers from paying for the jailing and trials of undocumented immigrants. I worked to secure \$400 million in funds for SCAAP in this year's Commerce, Justice, State and the Judiciary (CJS) Appropriations Bill. The U.S. Marshals Service needs increased funding along the Southwest border. They are now working under impossible work loads, imperiling the safety of the officers, El Paso and other border regions. This year, I worked to include \$18 million in the CJS Appropriations Bill to create additional positions for the U.S.

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The touch of agriculture

Many of you know by now that I am chairman of the subcommittee that oversees all of our nation's agriculture funding. It's a great job and a huge responsibility.

Just a couple weeks ago we finished work on this year's bill. It was a huge success. We funded some very important programs including food safety and inspection, child nutrition programs and the Agriculture Research Service. Each year while

working on this bill I start to think about the importance of Agriculture and how often it touches our daily lives.

It's not something we think about every day. You probably don't get up in the morning, put on your clothes, and consider who raised the sheep for your wool pants or who grew the

cotton for your shirt. When we get to the breakfast table, we often forget about the corn that was harvested for our morning bowl of cereal or the cows milked for our tall glass of calcium. When our children arrive at school, we seldom think about the school lunch program they are provided each day. Nor do we think about the vaccinations that keep them safe from disease. And when we stop at the grocery store on our way home, how

often do we take for granted the high quality of the products we purchase. The produce and meat are fresh, and the aisles packed with availability and variety. Not many countries have this type of luxury.

I make this point because it's important we understand how fortunate we are to have a safe and successful

agriculture industry. Agriculture affects so many aspects of our lives. Beyond food and clothing, the agriculture industry accounts for one in every six U.S. jobs. Farmers and ranchers are not the only people working for this huge industry. Agriculture supports your neighbor who works at the clothing production plant, your friend who manages the local grocery store and even your family pharmacist.

No doubt about it — agriculture fuels our economy. The agriculture industry accounts for two percent of our nation's gross domestic product. It also accounts for \$50 billion in exports each year. Let's not forget that farmers pay incredible sums of money to cover their business expenses. In recent years, farmers paid as much as \$73 billion in purchases and over \$25 billion in employee wages.

When you add up the products, the jobs and the economic advantages you can come to just one conclusion: the agriculture industry is literally the backbone of our country. This was true when the founding fathers met in Philadelphia, it was true during the industrial revolution of the 1800s, and it is still true today.

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By U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla

Eye on D.C.



Por la Gente By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

Cuts could hurt Hispanic Vets

My strong support goes out to all the Texas Hispanic veterans, who stand to lose funding due to Gov. Rick Perry's efforts to balance the budget. The issue I'm speaking of is the halting of \$300,000 worth of funding to what is one of this nation's oldest, and most successful civil rights groups, the American G.I. Forum.

The Forum is an Hispanic Institution that was formed on March 26, 1948 in Corpus Christi, Texas. About 700 Mexican American veterans, led by Dr. Hector P. Garcia, organized what eventually became one of the nation's largest Hispanic organizations devoted to securing equality and civil rights to Hispanic veterans. Although it started as a Texas group, the American G.I. Forum went national in 1958, where it remains today.

The money was being used by the Forum in its efforts to reach Hispanic veterans throughout the U.S. Texas funds have been allocated to the Forum in the form of discretionary

funds since the 1970s. Unfortunately, Forum officials were taken completely by surprise when they found the funds have been discontinued. They did not receive advance notice, nor were any explanations offered on why the funding was being cut.

This means that programs the G.I. Forum had instituted in Dallas, Austin, and Fort Worth will have to be shut down. The money was being used to provide training for Hispanic veterans to make the transition to the private sector work force. Many Hispanic veterans are unemployed, or under employed, with very little educational opportunities.

This is where the problem begins and ends. To take that money from the group will mean that countless veterans will be left wandering, aimless and with no direction. \$300,000 might not sound like much, but to Hispanic veterans, it can mean the difference between success and failure.

The G.I. Forum's founder, Dr. Hector Garcia, must be turning over in his grave to think that decades of struggling for equality are going down the drain. Dr. Garcia was one of the most loyal and patriotic of

Americans, who loved the U.S. unconditionally. However, he saw that the system wasn't working to help Hispanics. To combat that problem, he took up the cry of "Justice for my People."

Dr. Garcia practiced what he preached. Although he had been born in Mexico, his parents instilled in him a love for America, and a love for education. Garcia went on to become a physician and not only did he reach the rank of Major, but Garcia came back after World War II with a Bronze Star, and six Battle Stars.

Hispanics have been ultra loyal Americans. They have been involved in fighting for our nation's freedom since the War for Independence. Hispanics have been awarded the most Congressional Medals of Honor than any other American group. They have proved their bravery and courage under fire, time and time again.

Texas has made such giant strides in the treatment of Hispanics over the centuries, that it's sad to think that in this day and age, we might lose some of that impetus.

As ever, I remain, Chente for la gente

Reyes

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Marshals Service.

A night out on the town

The Plaza Theatre in downtown El Paso is receiving \$150,000 for restoration and renovation in the Veterans Affairs-Housing and Urban Development bill this year. The renovated Plaza Theatre will be a huge addition to historic downtown El Paso. Patrons who attend their shows will complete their night by eating dinner or shopping downtown. Downtown needs an infusion of energy and business. The renovation and opening of the Plaza is a step in the right direction to improve downtown El Paso's economy.

TRUE TEXAS FACTS by Roger Moore July 29, 1947, Miss Enid Justin broke ground for the Nocona boot factory on a hill near Nocona. Her brother had moved Justin Boots from Nocona to Ft. Worth earlier.



So the next time you're in the grocery store picking out apples or at a department store selecting a new shirt, think about the time and energy invested in every product you see. We may take these things for granted, but

for thousands of people nation-wide these items are truly a necessity of life. Let's be thankful for our agriculture industry and for the men and women who work hard every day to keep it strong.

NOTICE OF EFFECTIVE TAX RATE

2003 Property Tax Rates in the City of Socorro

This notice concerns 2003 property tax rates for the **City of Socorro**. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's *effective* tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's *rollback* tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:

Last year's operating taxes	\$1,614,113
Last year's debt taxes	338,754
Last year's total taxes	1,952,867
Last year's tax base	440,689,490
Last year's total tax rate	.443139/\$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$1,949,846
+This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	413,660,424
=This year's effective tax rate	.471363/\$100
x1.03 = maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings	.485503/\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for transferred function, tax increment financing, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$1,611,614
+This year's adjusted tax base	413,660,424
=This year's effective operating rate	.389598/\$100
x1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	.420765/\$100
+This year's debt rate	.055175/\$100
=This year's rollback rate	.475940/\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If the **City of Socorro** adopts a 2003 tax rate equal to the effective rate of **.471363** per \$100 of value, taxes would **increase** compared to 2002 taxes by **\$222,961**.

SCHEDULE A

Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Maintenance & Operation (M&O)	\$1,327,526
Debt Service (I&S)	\$2,838

SCHEDULE B

2003 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
Certificates of Obligation 1999	90,000	48,878	-0-	138,878
Certificates of Obligation 2001	14,400	26,990	-0-	41,390
Park & Ride	8,000	-0-	-0-	8,000
Public Service	10	-0-	-0-	10
First National Bank	12,192	3,641	-0-	15,833
First Capital Group	1,798	12	-0-	1,810
U.S. Trust	1,000	-0-	-0-	1,000
Interlease	395	-0-	-0-	395
First National Bank	23,635	3,169	-0-	26,804
First National Bank	18,136	2,437	-0-	20,573

Total required for 2003 debt service	\$254,693
-Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A	-0-
-Amount (if any) paid from other resources	-0-
-Excess collections last year	-0-
=Total to be paid from taxes in 2003	254,693
+Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100% of its taxes in 2003	-0-
=Total Debt Levy	\$254,693

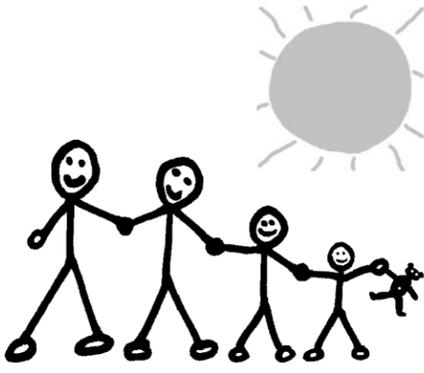
This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rate calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at the City of El Paso Tax Office located at the intersection of Durango and Franklin streets.

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to avoid missing any classroom instruction. To register, parents of elementary students new to the district should stop by the office of the school nearest their home; new middle or high school students may register at Canutillo Middle School or Canutillo High School. Documents necessary to enroll include a student's social security card, a utility bill, shot records, and report card or transcript from previous school if applicable. For more information, call 877-7482.

■ The Student Council of San Elizario High School is accept-

ing nominations for Outstanding Ex-Student for 2003. Candidates should have graduated from SEHS prior to 1993, have achieved success in their chosen field, and be able to attend Homecoming activities on Sept. 12. Letters of nomination, including high school achievements, post-secondary achievements and education, may be sent to San Elizario High School, P.O. Box 920, San Elizario, TX 79849 prior to Aug. 25. The name, address and phone number of both nominee and person nominating should be included.

■ KIDS-N-CO. will have auditions for the American classic *Tom Sawyer* at 7 p.m. Sunday and Monday, Aug. 10-11, at the El Paso Playhouse, 2501 Montana. Director Chet Frame is looking for adults and children ages 10 and up. *Tom Sawyer* will be presented weekends during the month of October. For more infor-

mation call 820-1794.

■ Horizon Middle/High School will provide physicals for athletes in grades 7th-10th at the school on Saturday, Aug. 2 at 1 p.m. Cost is \$10 per student.

■ CORRECTION: A story in last week's Courier regarding flooding in Tornillo failed to give credit to an El Paso Times article, authored by Tammy Fonce-Olivas, with some of the information included in that article.

■ The Socorro ISD Community Service program is offering computer classes for adults. Beginning and intermediate classes will be offered in Microsoft Office, the internet, using e-mail and keyboarding. Classes will be at 313 S. Rio Vista in Socorro and are open to all community members 18 years and older. For more information call 937-1700 or 937-1704.

Notification of Nondiscrimination in Career and Technology Education Programs at Tornillo Independent School District for 2003-2004 School Year

1.) Tornillo Independent School District offers career and technology programs in Business Education, Agricultural Science and Technology Education, Health Science Technology Education, Family and Consumer Science Technology Education (Home Economics), Trade and Industrial Education, and Marketing Education. Admission to these programs is based on current enrollment in the Tornillo ISD and completion of any necessary prerequisites.

2.) It is the policy of Tornillo ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, or disability in its vocational 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.

3.) It is the policy of Tornillo ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, 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.

4.) Tornillo ISD will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.

5.) For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator, Paul Vranish, Superintendent, and/or the Section 504 Coordinator, Barbara Pena, at P.O. Box 170, 19200 Cobb Street, Tornillo, Texas, 79853 or call (915)-764-2366.

Notificación de no Discriminar en los Programas Educativos de Carrera y Tecnología Tornillo ISD por el año escolar del 2003-2004

1.) El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Tornillo esta ofreciendo programas de carreras y tecnología en Educación de Negocios, Ciencia de Agricultura y Educación en Tecnología, Ciencia de Salud Tecnología Educativa, Ciencia de Consumidor y Familia Tecnología Educativa (Economía del Hogar), Comercio y Educación Industrial, y Educación de Mercado. La admisión a estos programas es basada en la matriculación actual en el distrito escolar de Tornillo, y también que se aiga cumplido cualquier requisito de antemano.

2.) Es política del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Tornillo no discriminar según la raza, color, origen de nacionalidad, género, o incapacidad en estos programas de carreras y tecnología, servicios, o actividades requerido por el Acta de Derechos Civiles Título IV de 1964, que fue enmendada; Título IX de las Enmiendas Educativas de 1972; y al sección 504 de la Acta de Rehabilitación, de 1973 como enmendada.

3.) Es política del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Tornillo no discriminar según la raza, color, origen de nacionalidad, género, incapacidad, o edad en sus prácticas de empleo como esta requerido por el Acta de Derechos Civiles Título IV de 1964, que fue enmendada, Título IX de las Enmiendas Educativas de 1972; y el Acta de discriminación a la edad de 1975 como enmendada; y al sección 504 de la Acta de Rehabilitación, de 1973 como enmendada.

4.) El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Tornillo tomara pasos para asegurar que la falta de ingles no sea un obstaculo para la admision y participación en todos los programas vocacionales, y educativos.

5.) Para mas información de sus derechos y procedimiento de agravios, puede ponerse en contacto con el coordinador de Título IX, Paul Vranish, Superintendent, y/o la coordinadora de la Sección 504, Barbara Pena, P.O. Box 170, 19200 Cobb Street, Tornillo, Texas, 79853 or call (915) 764-2366.

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It is the policy of the Tornillo Independent School District to prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender or any person who has a disability in the admission or access to programs, delivery of services or employment.

The Tornillo Independent School District is fully committed to meeting its responsibilities as specified by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; prohibiting sex discrimination, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Inquiries concerning your rights may be referred to Superintendent Paul Vranish, P.O. Box 170, Tornillo, TX 79853. Phone: (915) 764-2366. Fax: (915) 764-2120.

Notificación Publica

Es la norma de conducta de el distrito escolar de Tornillo prohibir la discriminación a base de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo o deshabilidad en la admisión o el acceso a programas, entrega de servicios o empleo.

El distrito escolar de Tornillo esta comprometido a cumplir con las responsabilidades especificadas por el Título VI del Acta de Derechos Civiles de 1964, como enmendado, el Título IX de la Enmienda de Educación de 1972, como enmendado, que prohíbe la discriminación sexual, el Acta de la Discriminación por edad de 1975 como enmendada, la Sección 504 del Acta de Rehabilitación de 1973, como enmendado, y el Acta de Americanos con Deshabildades.

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

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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-07/24/03

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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-07/24/03

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Canutillo Independent School District 2003-2004 Meal Policy

The Canutillo Independent School District serves breakfast and lunch every school day. All students in the District will receive a reimbursable meal at no charge through the academic year of 2003-2004. All children will receive a free breakfast and a free lunch regardless of income. In the operation of the child feeding program no child will be discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, age or national origin.

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo Regla de Alimentos Año 2003-2004

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo ofrece desayuno y comida todos los días escolares. A todos los estudiantes del distrito se les servirán alimentos a ningún costo durante el año académico de 2003-2004. Todo estudiante recibirá almuerzo y comida gratis no tomando en cuenta ingresos. En el funcionamiento del programa de alimentación ningún niño ó estudiante será discriminando contra su raza, color, religión, sexo, incapacidad, edad o origen nacional.

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Public Notice Tornillo Independent School District 2003-2004 School Meal Policy

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Noticia Publica Poliza de Comida del Año 2003-2004 del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Tornillo

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Tornillo servira desayuno y almuerzo cada dia escolar. Todo los ninos del distrito recibiran comida sin cobro durante el ano escolar 2003-2004. Todo los ninos recibiran un desayuno gratis y un almuerzo gratis a pesar de sus ingresos. En la operacion del programa de comidas para ninos, ningun nino sera discriminado por su raza, color, religion, genero, incapacidad, edad o origen nacional Para mas informacion de sus derechos y procedimiento de agravios, puede ponerse en contacto con el coordinador de Titulo IX, Paul Vranish, Superintendent, y/o la coordinadora de la Seccion 504, Barbara Pena, P.O. Box 170, 19200 Cobb Street, Tornillo, Texas, 79853 or call (915) 764-2366.

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Public Notice

Special Needs Programs at Tornillo Independent School District for 2003-2004 School Year

Tornillo Independent School District provides the following educational program/services to identified children with disabilities who reside within the district beginning on the third birthday through age twenty-one. Instructional Program: Including Early Childhood (beginning on the third birthday through age five), Resource (grades K-12), Diagnostic Services, Transportation Services, Speech Therapy, Assistive Technology Equipment, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, School Health Services, Homebound Services, and Career & Technology.

Services are provided to identified auditorially and visually impaired children who reside within the district from birth through age twenty-one.

In compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 and Public Law 94-142, parents and adult students have the right to inspect educational records. District policy FL provide for record access, confidentiality, and complaint procedures.

If you would like more information or know of a disabled child who is not receiving educational services, please contact: Paul Vranish, Superintendent, Tornillo ISD, at 915-764-2366.

Aviso de Programas de Necesidades Especiales del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Tornillo para el año 2003-2004

El distrito escolar independiente de Tornillo provee los siguientes programas/servicios educativos a niños que son identificados como incapacitados que viven dentro del distrito comenzando con el tercer cumpleaños hasta los 21 años. Programa de instruccion: infacia temprana (comenzando con el tercer cumpleaños hasta la edad de cinco años), y cuarto de recurso (K-12), incluyendo servicios diagnosticos, servicios de transportacion, terapia de habla, equipo auxiliar de tecnologia, terapia fisica, servicios de salud escolar, servicios de clases en el hogar y servicios de carrera y tecnologia.

Se provee servicios a niños identificados como incapacitados audible y visualmente que viven dentro del distrito desde nacimiento hasta la edad de 21 años.

Conforme al Acto de Confidencia y de Derechos Educativos de la Familia de 1974 y Ley Publica 94-142, padres y alumnos adultos tienen el derechos de ver los archivos educativos. Polizas FL y FL-E explican los derechos, la confidencialidad, y el proceso para quejarse.

Si usted desea mas informacion o sabe de un niño/nina incapacitado que vive en el distrito escolar de Tornillo que no esta recibiendo servicios educativos. Favor de comunicarse con: Paul Vranish, Superintendente, Tornillo ISD, 915-764-2366.

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It'll take more than a good coach to get the Boys back in the game

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

Much has been made of the upcoming Dallas Cowboys football season. With the addition of head coach Bill Parcells and the departure of Hall-of-Fame-running-back-to-be, Emmitt Smith, the Cowboys will be under a microscope this season.

Even more than usual. After three straight 5-11 seasons, fans around the Lone Star State are already equating the hiring of Parcells with an instant winning year.

I say take a step back, folks, and look at what the 'Boys have to offer. The one stinging reality Dallas fans have to accept is that Bill Parcells, as far as I understand, won't throw any passes, kick any game-winning field goals or make any key stops on any goal-line stands.

And that's the problem. Personnel. The Cowboys simply don't have it, especially on offense.

Let's go right to the meat of the problem of an offense that may be even weaker than Bill Clinton's monogamous willpower. The first problem is a quarterback. Parcells said he

would bring in a crafty veteran to help — but none could be found.

So the Cowboys will still have to rely on the erratic arm of Quincy Carter and the immobility of Chad Hutchinson. I think the Titanic has a better chance of a second voyage than these QBs have of winning.

Carter, though mobile, has no touch and can't seem to be able to hit the broad side of a wide receiver. Hutchinson has a better arm, but not much better, and his decision-making skills would rate a D- at best.

Dallas has another problem: running back. With Emmitt Smith off to the Cardinals, the Cowboys will look to backup Troy Hambrick to carry the load.

Though it's true, Hambrick has looked good in the few games he's had a chance to play in, he always came in fresh to spell Smith. Let's see what he can accomplish, being the primary ball-carrier, over a grueling 16-game NFL schedule.

And when you take all that inexperience at quarterback and running back and multiply it by a weak offensive line, that only points to one thing — no points.

Dallas' problem this year will be the same as last year and the year before that — a very good defense: one of the very worst offenses in the entire league.

The Cowboys can't try to win 13-10 and 10-7 games forever.

Until they get that one-two-three punch at quarterback, running back and wide receiver, the Cowboys will be a middle-of-the-pack team at best.

Another 5-11 record this year? No, Parcells' presence is worth at least two more wins, but only two.

Fightin' fish

So who is the current talk of the Major League baseball season?

Is it Barry Bonds and his pursuit to catch Hank Aaron's home run record and not insult anyone else at the same time?

Is it the New York Yankees and the Boston Red Sox battle for the American League East that may go the distance this time?

Is it whether or not the Atlanta Braves will take the best record into the playoffs only to falter again?

The answer is no, no and no. The real talk surrounding baseball right now is the play of the Florida Marlins.

Wait a sec, let me double check... no, that is not a mistake... I do mean the Florida Marlins.

The "I don't know anybody on that team" Marlins were only a game-and-a-half out of a playoff spot as of last Monday and had won 15 of their last 22 games including six of their last seven.

At first you may only think you don't know any members of the Marlins but does the name Ivan "Pudge" Rodriguez ring a bell? The former Texas Rangers catcher is hitting over .310 for Florida with almost 70 RBI.

As for the no-names, Luis Castillo and Juan Pierre are among the league-leaders in hits while Mike Lowell is among the leaders in home runs and runs batted in.

But the player making the biggest impact for the Marlins is a rookie.

Flamboyant pitcher Dontrelle Willis has posted a 9-2 record so far this season with a 2.59 ERA. The personable Willis has struck out 85 batters in 90 innings while making the All-Star team in his first season.

With the usual suspects — the Yankees, Red Sox, Braves, A's, Mariners, Giants and Diamondbacks — battling for a chance at baseball immortality, it's good to see a little guy do more than just complain about how uneven the MLB playing field is, and just play ball with fun and confidence.

Baseball just got fun again, thanks to the Florida Marlins.

NOTICE OF EFFECTIVE TAX RATE

2003 Property Tax Rates in Homestead Municipal Utility District

This notice concerns 2003 property tax rates for the **Homestead Municipal Utility District**. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's *effective* tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's *rollback* tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:

Last year's operating taxes	\$89,259
Last year's debt taxes	172,567
Last year's total taxes	261,826
Last year's tax base	59,505,909
Last year's total tax rate	.440000/\$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$261,826
+This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	59,431,449
=This year's effective tax rate	.440551/\$100
x1.03 = maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings	.453767/\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for transferred function, tax increment financing, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$89,258
+This year's adjusted tax base	59,431,449
=This year's effective operating rate	.150186/\$100
x1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	.162200/\$100
+This year's debt rate	.280368/\$100
=This year's rollback rate	.442568/\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If the **Homestead Municipal Utility District** adopts a 2003 tax rate equal to the effective rate of **.440551** per \$100 of value, taxes would **increase** compared to 2002 taxes by **\$9,635**.

SCHEDULE A

Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Maintenance & Operation (M&O)	\$323,000
Debt Service (I&S)	\$123,000

SCHEDULE B

2003 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
Series 1995 Tax Refunding Bonds	\$80,000	\$ 77,915	\$-0-	\$157,915
Series 1995-A Tax & Rev. Bonds	5,000	9,844	-0-	14,844

Total required for 2003 debt service	\$172,759
-Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A	-0-
-Amount (if any) paid from other resources	-0-
-Excess collections last year	-0-
=Total to be paid from taxes in 2003	172,759
+Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100% of its taxes in 2003	-0-
=Total Debt Levy	\$172,759

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rate calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at the City of El Paso Tax Office located at the intersection of Durango and Franklin streets.

Name of person preparing this notice: Juan F. Sandoval

Title: Tax Assessor/Collector

Date prepared: July 25, 2003

NOTICE OF EFFECTIVE TAX RATE

2003 Property Tax Rates in El Paso County Emergency Services District #2

This notice concerns 2003 property tax rates for the **El Paso County Emergency Services District #2**. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's *effective* tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's *rollback* tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:

Last year's operating taxes	\$1,600,172
Last year's debt taxes	-0-
Last year's total taxes	1,600,172
Last year's tax base	1,600,172,000
Last year's total tax rate	.100000/\$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$1,598,069
+This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	1,550,660,288
=This year's effective tax rate	.103057/\$100
x1.03 = maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings	.106148/\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for transferred function, tax increment financing, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$1,598,069
+This year's adjusted tax base	1,550,660,288
=This year's effective operating rate	.103057/\$100
x1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	.111301/\$100
+This year's debt rate	.000000/\$100
=This year's rollback rate	.111301/\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If the **El Paso County Emergency Services District #2** adopts a 2003 tax rate equal to the effective rate of **.103057** per \$100 of value, taxes would **increase** compared to 2002 taxes by **\$71,419**.

SCHEDULE A

Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Maintenance & Operation (M&O)	\$-0-
Debt Service (I&S)	-0-

SCHEDULE B

2003 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
None	\$-0-	\$-0-	\$-0-	\$-0-

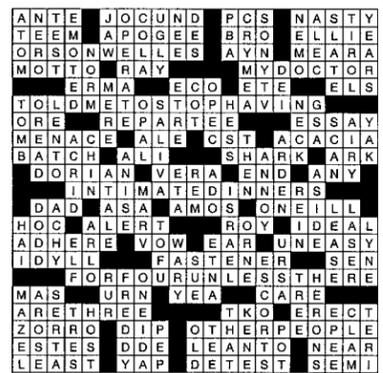
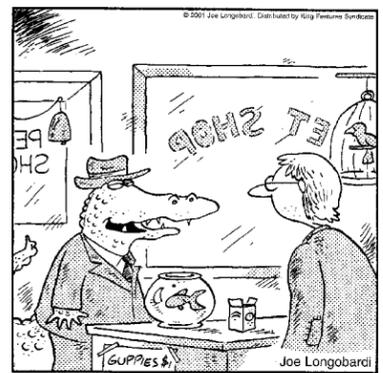
Total required for 2003 debt service	\$-0-
-Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A	-0-
-Amount (if any) paid from other resources	-0-
-Excess collections last year	-0-
=Total to be paid from taxes in 2003	-0-
+Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100% of its taxes in 2003	-0-
=Total Debt Levy	-0-

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rate calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at the City of El Paso Tax Office located at the intersection of Durango and Franklin streets.

Name of person preparing this notice: Juan F. Sandoval

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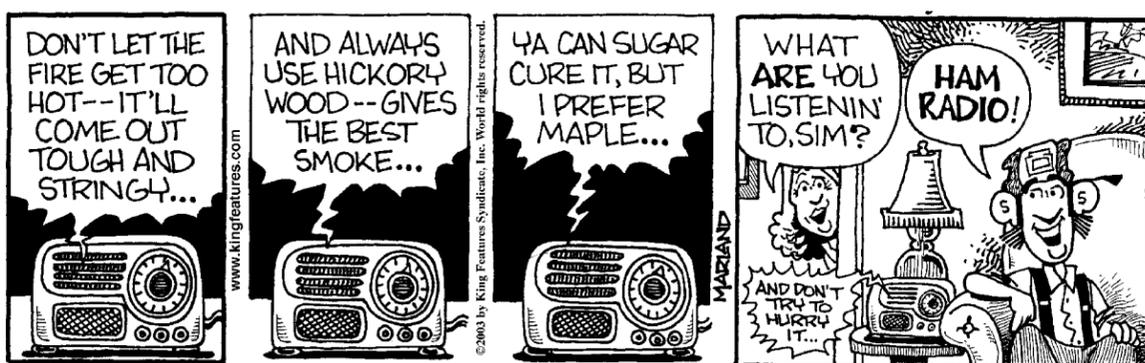
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Journalists will come back stronger

By Don Flood

It is with sadness and regret that I have to address one of the darkest days in modern journalism.

Movie star Sharon Stone and San Francisco Chronicle editor Phil Bronstein are calling it quits!

More than any recent event, excepting perhaps the scandalous rise in the cost of formerly cheap bourbon, the break-up of Sharon and Phil's marriage has rocked the world of journalism.

The day it was announced, all across the U.S., tough, hard-bitten journalistic veterans could be seen crying in their beers.

Yes, in many cases, these were the same hard-bitten types who cried in their beer every other night, but the point was: This time they had a reason.

Newspaper editors, long resigned to the star status accorded their TV newsboy counterparts, could at least take pride in the fact that one of their own, Phil Bronstein — newspaperman — had married a movie star.

Maybe they would be next! Maybe J.Lo would slink into their office to accost them, purring, "There's something about a man with rumpled, ink-stained clothing!"

In those heady days of '98, just after Sharon and Phil's wedding, anything seemed possible.

The first sign, perhaps, that all was not well may have been the infamous Komodo dragon incident of 2001.

For a Father's Day present, Sharon arranged for Phil to visit a 7-foot Komodo dragon — in its cage.

Afraid that Bronstein's white shoes would remind the dragon of white rats — its usual meal — the zookeeper asked that he remove them.

Exactly what happened next remains cloudy but all eyewitnesses agree on one fact: For some reason, Sharon Stone suddenly lunged and

tried to bite off her husband's foot!

This was put down to stress, but earlier incidents, seen in a new light, also raised questions:

• For an anniversary, Sharon presented Phil with a "Swim with the Dolphins" experience at a Caribbean aquarium.

Naturally, Phil was thrilled, but he became uneasy — after being encouraged by Sharon to "jump in" — when his keen editorial eyes observed that the tank appeared to be populated only by large and rather hungry-looking hammerhead sharks.

According to reports, Phil remarked on this but was told by Sharon that she had made a special request for "hammerhead dolphins," because they were the "friendliest" of all the dolphins and nothing was too good for her "precious shark-bait, I mean, sweetie-pie husband."

Used to making executive decisions, Phil tested the waters by tossing in a photographer, who was immediately eaten. (The camera, fortunately, which included pictures of the happy couple celebrating their anniversary, was saved.)

• Another unusual gift from Sharon was the "Three Day Exotic Game Hunt."

Though not a big hunter, Phil was excited the first day and enjoyed himself immensely.

The second day, however, when he asked whether he could be "one of the fellows with the guns instead of the guy hiding," he was told that wasn't part of the "package" his wife had purchased.

Not wanting to insult his wife, he participated the second day but begged off the Grand Finale, which included a Special Exotic Game Barbecue following the last day's hunt.

Sorry, Phil, it just wasn't meant to be. (Muffled sob ...)

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 - 36 When the French fry
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 - 38 Part 2 of remark
 - 46 Zinc or copper
 - 47 Quick comeback
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 - 64 Wilde's Gray
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 - 72 Part 3 of remark
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- 117 Holliday of "Matlock"
- 119 Piece of fencing?
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- 121 Garr of "Mr. Mom"
- 124 Energy
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- 126 Widget for Woods
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For Sanity's Sake By Taprina Milburn

Happy packing

Somewhere in my wedding vows I missed the line that said: *Now, Taprina, until death do you part, will you always be in charge of packing for vacation?*

I must have said yes, because here I am 14 years later with a mega list of things I must cram into suitcases for a family of four.

Let me share my list with you:

- 28 pair of underwear
- 4 pair of slacks
- 4 nice shirts
- vitamins and medications
- 4 dresses
- 8 pair of shoes
- sunscreen
- bug repellent
- flash lights
- cell phone
- 32 shirts
- 56 pair of socks
- beach towels
- flippers
- goggles
- water shoes
- video camera
- regular camera

- film
- tapes
- GameBoy
- books
- 28 pair of shorts
- pajamas
- favorite stuffed animals
- first aid kit
- emergency phone numbers
- wallet
- money
- keys
- swim suits
- insurance card
- passports
- stain stick
- snacks, snacks, snacks
- addresses and stamps for post-cards
- rainy day activities

- maps
- airline tickets
- shampoo
- toothpaste
- toothbrushes
- Tylenol

I enlist the help of hubby and children to sit on bags so that I can zip them. Don't think there's room for souvenirs.

Did I forget anything? Oh yes ... have the newspapers and mail picked up. Find someone to feed the animals and check on the house. Pay bills before we leave. Check the thermostat. Leave numbers with grandma.

Ah ... is it time to relax yet? No. Youngest child has forgotten favorite T-shirt. Wants to swap it with the

red one. Afraid to open his suitcase, may not be able to close it again. Oldest child has the sniffles; don't forget the cold medicine. Husband remembers camera battery needs to be charged. Where are we going to fit the charger?

But finally we're out the door and ready for our relaxing vacation.

And because I'm in charge of getting everyone packed, luck has it that I'm the only one who can be blamed for forgotten items.

"Did you pack my belt?" hubby asks as he dresses for dinner one night on the trip.

Oops.

Happy packing. Bon voyage.

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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR EL PASO

THURSDAY	THUR. NIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
▲ 92°	▼ 70°	▲ 94° ▼ 72°	▲ 96° ▼ 72°	▲ 96° ▼ 74°	▲ 98° ▼ 72°	▲ 96° ▼ 68°	▲ 94° ▼ 68°

UV INDEX Statistics for noon.

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

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

REAL FEEL TEMP™

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Thursday	95°
Friday	87°
Saturday	89°
Sunday	89°
Monday	95°
Tuesday	97°
Wednesday	91°

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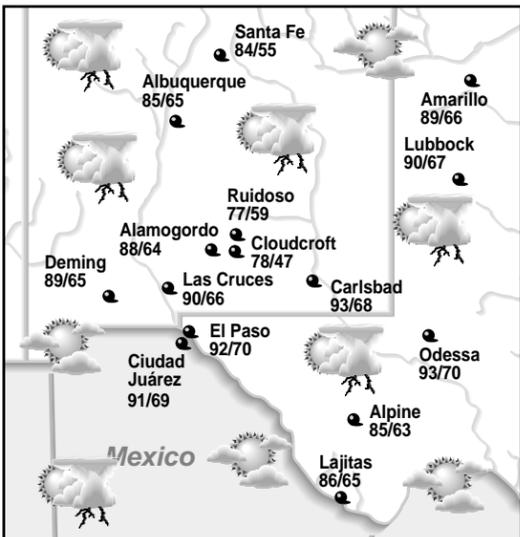
There will be 7-9 hours of sunshine Thursday with a thunderstorm in the afternoon or evening. Rainfall will be mainly less than 0.10 of an inch. Expect 8-10 hours of sunshine Friday and Saturday with a thunderstorm possible late each day. Plenty of sunshine and mainly dry Sunday into early next week.

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Anthony	91	68
Canutillo	92	69
Clint	90	68
E. Montana	92	70
Fabens	90	68
Horizon	92	69
San Elizario	89	66
Socorro	91	69
Tornillo	90	68
Vinton	92	69

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	85/65/pc	89/66/s	89/66/pc	90/67/pc	89/64/pc
Atlanta	86/70/t	86/70/t	88/70/pc	88/70/pc	88/71/pc
Atlantic City	78/68/pc	80/68/c	86/68/pc	88/68/c	85/66/c
Austin/San Antonio	95/72/pc	96/72/pc	98/74/s	97/74/s	96/71/pc
Baltimore	84/70/pc	82/70/c	88/72/pc	90/72/c	84/65/c
Boston	76/64/pc	74/66/c	80/68/c	82/68/c	81/66/c
Chicago	82/63/pc	82/64/pc	81/65/pc	83/65/pc	84/64/pc
Dallas/Ft. Worth	96/76/pc	98/76/pc	98/77/s	99/78/s	98/74/pc
Denver	88/60/s	82/61/pc	83/62/t	84/62/c	85/53/c
Flagstaff	72/54/c	74/50/c	75/50/c	75/48/pc	76/44/pc
Houston	94/76/pc	94/74/pc	96/76/pc	96/76/pc	96/76/pc
Kansas City	87/65/pc	87/67/pc	84/68/c	87/69/pc	89/67/c
Las Vegas	94/76/pc	96/76/pc	98/78/s	99/76/s	99/72/s
Miami	91/79/pc	90/78/pc	90/78/pc	90/79/pc	91/76/pc
Minneapolis	74/60/c	76/58/c	80/56/pc	84/65/s	82/61/pc
New Orleans	91/76/pc	91/75/pc	91/75/pc	90/75/pc	91/73/pc
New York City	81/69/pc	81/71/c	83/70/c	83/71/c	83/69/c
Philadelphia	84/70/pc	84/70/c	88/74/pc	90/74/c	86/71/c
Phoenix	98/82/pc	101/83/pc	101/83/pc	101/82/s	102/79/s
Portland	84/60/pc	82/60/pc	82/60/pc	82/59/pc	81/57/pc
San Francisco	66/56/pc	74/59/c	72/57/pc	70/55/s	69/48/s
Seattle	76/57/pc	79/57/pc	77/57/pc	76/56/s	76/53/pc
Tucson	94/72/pc	96/73/pc	95/73/pc	93/73/pc	98/72/pc
Washington, DC	86/72/pc	84/72/c	88/74/pc	90/74/c	85/68/c

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

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