



NEWSBRIEFS

One of a kind

El Paso County will celebrate, on Oct. 11-12, the only celebration of its kind: The 30th annual Chamizal festival — four continuous performance stages, dozens of diverse acts and artisans and all free! Music, dance, storytelling and crafts, rain or shine, inside and out at the Chamizal festival will kick off with the opening celebration Friday Oct. 10 at 7 p.m. featuring Lulu's Fate and the Mexican Roots Trio, also completely free. There has never been a better way to spend a gorgeous autumn afternoon than at the Chamizal Festival at the Chamizal National Memorial, El Paso's National Park.

Lobos come home

Mountain View High School in East Montana will have a full slate of Homecoming events next week, beginning Monday, Sept. 29 with an Alumni Reception at 8 a.m. and a hall decorating contest. Other events include dress-up days Tuesday through Thursday. On Thursday, Oct. 2 will be the Homecoming parade, pep rally and announcement of Homecoming Court 5:30-6:45 p.m. The Homecoming Carnival and bonfire will follow at 7:30. On Friday, Oct. 3, the Lobos will take on the Clint High School Lions in the Homecoming game and the announcement of Queen and King will be during half-time. On Saturday, Oct. 4, the Homecoming dance, with the theme of "Grease is the Word at MVHS," will begin at 8 p.m. For information call 857-1011.

In other news

■ The No Limits Track Club, under the umbrella of the Junior Olympic Cross Country Program, will be holding regular practices at Col. John O. Ensor Middle School. The practices are from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. New runners, all age groups are welcome.

■ YWCA, in conjunction with Canutillo Independent School District, will hold a Community Services Fair, 3-5 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 25, at Deanna Davenport Elementary School Cafeteria, 8400 Remington Road. The community fair will provide information on variety of services including consumer credit counseling, Battered Women's Shelter, teen programs, childcare, Kidfit, after school programs, health and wellness, among others. Free blood pressure and body mass tests and information will also be available. The fair is free and open to the public. For more information, call 877-6409.

■ The Canutillo Class of 1983 is going to have a reunion on Nov. 22. The location for the reunion will be the Signature Ballroom at the Sunland Park Racetrack and Casino. The cost to attend is \$50 per

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Have you ever noticed how delicately balanced the economy is? The minute auto prices go down, gas prices go up.

— Quips & Quotes

State officials honor regional ORCA grant recipients for their dedication to rural Texas



IMPROVING SOCORRO SUBDIVISIONS — Socorro's Mayor Pro-Tem Sam Brewster accepted funding from Robert J. "Sam" Tessen of ORCA in the amount of \$263,000 for street improvement projects in Country Green, Mary Lou Park and Grijalva Gardens subdivisions.

WEST TEXAS — The City of Socorro, the County of Hudspeth and the City of Dell City in Hudspeth County were among recipients of federal and state grant funding from the Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA) honored on Sept. 10 at the Region 18 Education Service Center in Midland.

Socorro, Hudspeth County and Dell City each received \$263,000 in community development funds.

A total of 93 awardees were recognized for having secured a combined total of \$10,925,193.58 in grants from ORCA since February 2003. The monetary awards will support economic development projects and health

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Fabens ISD reorganizes administrative personnel

By Carol Silver
Special to the Courier

FABENS — In an effort to streamline responsibilities in meeting the needs of the Fabens school district, Superintendent Poncho Garcia, Jr. has reorganized the Central Office staff and switched the positions of most of the principals.

These changes include the hiring of Jose Cervantes as the Administrative Assistant for Curriculum and Instruction. Aiding him as secretary will be Marty Cavazos. Charles Hopp's new duties include Executive Director of Facilities and Maintenance with Emma Perez as secretary. Filling the vacancy created by the resignation of Donna Cline is Gilbert Alarcon as Executive Director of Finance and Support. His secretary is Terri Rodriguez.

Patricia Silva was appointed as Curriculum/Federal Programs Director. Her secretary is Linda Hooper. Then new Personnel Coordinator is Aurora Lackey who will be under the direct supervision of Cervantes and Alarcon. Ending the Central Office shuffle is Aide Hernandez, Accounting Clerk.

New to Fabens ISD, Cervantes has been in the education field for 13 years. In addition to teaching, he has served as a high school principal, middle school principal, elementary principal, athletic director, special populations director, and federal program director. Cervantes will be involved with students, teachers, principals, and directors, on issues of curriculum and instruction, federal, and special populations.

"I am excited to join the Fabens ISD family," he says. "I am anxious to meet the many challenges of the new state mandated test, TAKS, and am looking forward to meeting everyone," he added.

Cervantes received the Master's Degree from Sul Ross State University and is finishing his doctoral work in Educational Administration at the University of Texas at Austin. He and wife, Mary, have two children, Jose Antonio and Carlos Patrick.

Both Alarcon and Silva were chosen to leave their positions as principals and join the Central Office staff. Alarcon's new position in finance fits right in with his Bachelor of

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Canutillo High homecoming celebration to be filled with sparkle and tradition

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO — Traditions reign over Canutillo High School, as students and community residents prepare for their annual Homecoming Week celebration, Wednesday through Saturday, Oct. 1-4. A parade, bonfire, football game, and dance are among the events that the community has looked forward to every year for the past 40 years.

Special guest during the homecoming celebration will be this year's Outstanding-Ex, the Honorable Gonzalo Garcia, District Judge, 210th Judicial District Court. Judge Garcia is a 1972 Canutillo High School graduate. He will be guest speaker at the student pep rally and be introduced to the community during the football game half-time show.

The parade is scheduled to begin at 5 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 1. The parade route will start at Canutillo Elementary School, 651 Canutillo Avenue, proceed through Doniphan Drive and end at Gallegos Park on Bosque Road. Canutillo High student organizations and clubs will have food and game booths set up at Gallegos Park for the public to enjoy after the parade.

The U.S. Army Golden Knights skydivers will kick off the homecoming pep rally, as they are scheduled to land on the Canutillo Eagles Stadium football field, at 9 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 2. The pep rally for the student body will follow with the introduction of the Outstanding-Ex, the homecoming court, the varsity football team, and special performances by the Eagles Marching Band,

Library/Lifeline Technology Center becomes reality for Anthony ISD

The Board of Directors of the Wolslager Foundation has awarded the Anthony Independent School District \$350,000. These monies will fulfill the district vision of improving the community through the construction of a high school library that will house traditional literary collections, but will also consist of a Lifeline Technology Center that can be utilized by students, the community, and businesses.

The library will serve as the high school library during school hours, but as a public library in the evenings and on weekends. The District will also be able to provide a strong technology infrastructure that to be shared with the community in the following ways:

- Providing free broadband service to allow local residents and businesses to access critical facilities that are located outside the community;
- Providing advanced placement course opportunities to current school students as well as ESL (English as a Second Language) and GED classes to community members;
- Providing a means to access public information and medical facilities in the form of online communication and phone service electronic newspapers, library materials, and health/social information to prevent illness as well as provide care for community members;
- Diminishing the isolationism of the community through better access to larger surrounding communities;
- Building capacity and promoting growth of local businesses.

Anthony ISD, under the direction of Superintendent Robert Ortega, will begin the bid process for the facility in December of 2003 and estimates a completion date of February 2005. The students and community of Anthony gratefully acknowledge the contribution of the Wolslager family through the Wolslager Foundation. It is with great anticipation that AISD awaits the groundbreaking.

— Contributed by Anne Geyer



Hon. Gonzalo Garcia

cheerleaders, and modern dancers.

The traditional bonfire program will begin at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 2, at the CISD Support Services Facility grounds, 7700 Cap Carter Road.

The homecoming football game will pit CHS Eagles versus El Paso HS Tigers, at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 3. The Eagles go into the contest with three wins and no losses and are ranked number six in the city by *El Paso Times* sports reporters. The game's half-time show will feature the Outstanding-Ex and the homecoming court.

The celebration will culminate with the homecoming dance and coronation, from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 4, at CHS cafeteria and patio area.



One perspective

By Francis Shrum

California dreaming

I'm not an Arnold Schwarzenegger fan.

I think he looks funny. That's not a nice thing to say about somebody except that I don't think I'm going to hurt his self esteem any since there are plenty of other female human beings who swoon in the street outside his limo.

For another thing, he makes really odd movies — except I did sort of enjoy *Kindergarten Cop*. But you can't blame a guy for making a living.

Especially a guy who came to America unable to speak the language, about as broke as a parson's mouse, and with little going for him

except a lot of strength in his muscles and his ambition.

Now, I don't want to talk about Mr. Schwarzenegger's financial ambitions, his political aspirations or his undisguised desire for power. That's not my point.

My point is that he recognized America for the big huge candy store that it is, and he understood early on that you have to earn money to buy in the store.

You know, I can't help but admire the dreamy, faraway look the man gets when he says the world "America." He looks like he just saw the love of his life for the first time and he can't believe how incredibly beautiful she is.

That is some kind of love story if

the man can still carry around such starry-eyed devotion after having lived with her all these years.

There have been a lot of jokes made about the way Schwarzenegger says the name of his home state. In the light of correct linguistics, he doesn't really do too badly. The thing I notice most is that same kind of star-struck expression when he says California.

I could wish that every immigrant that came to America's gilded shores had the same loving glint in their eye, the same kind of devotion to her promise, the same kind of amazement at her potential.

I wish they had the willingness to make the effort, take the steps, and weather the bruises and disappoint-

ments in order to achieve the American Dream instead of expecting it to be handed out on the street corner when they got off the bus.

The American Dream is a term that gets tossed around a lot, so much so that it has lost a great deal of its meaning. I don't think it has much to do with how many dollar signs there are behind your debit card, although those tend to increase for those who pursue that dream.

Sadly, it is the way we hand out dollars that draws most people to America today. That's why they are willing to beg, borrow and steal an opportunity to be here. Our national government has continued to feed the monster until there is virtually no one that — if they can plant their foot on U.S. terra firma — cannot access a public treasury into which they have never deposited a cent.

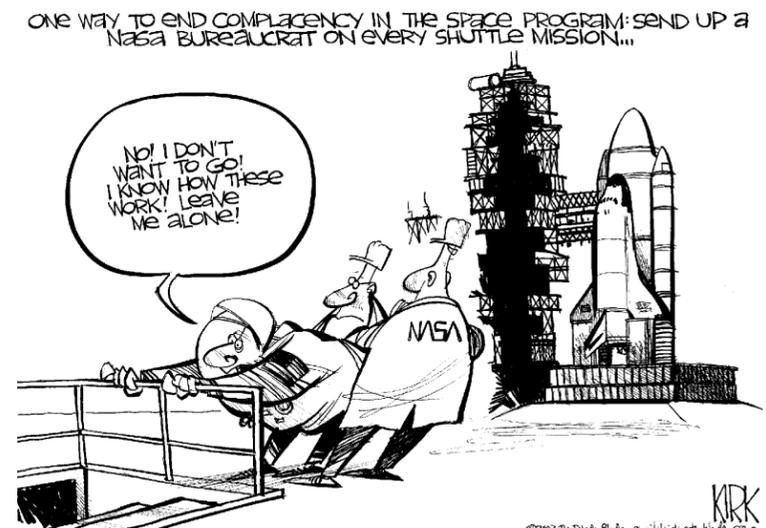
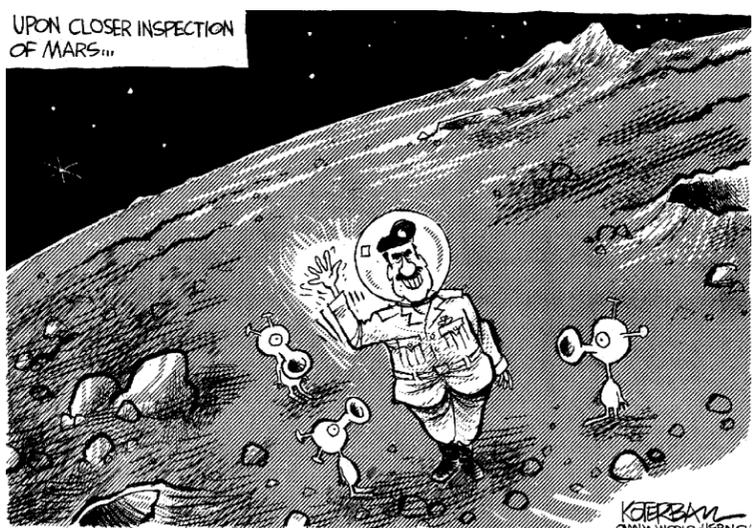
Many of them never will. I wonder how valued a stolen thing can be compared to the shining, new possession purchased with the sweat of your brain and your brow. A citizen who desires to become a contributing member of his chosen nation is a far different one from he who has come to see what he can take away, send away or siphon off.

Worse yet, we can read the "citizen" who is dedicated to converting his new neighborhood into a mirror image of the one he left behind and expects his new nation to pay for the conversion in whatever medium necessary — be it blood, tradition, pride or plain old cold hard cash.

No, I think the American Dream isn't made up of dollar signs. I believe it has more to do with the way you think, with a willingness to give back as good as you get, to make sure the place you leave behind is a little better than it was when you got there.

As Arnold Schwarzenegger takes his place in the odd line-up of characters who want to lead the golden state of California, all I can say is that, unlike some of his counterparts, he knows where he has been and where he wants to go.

And along the way, at least, he pulled his own weights.



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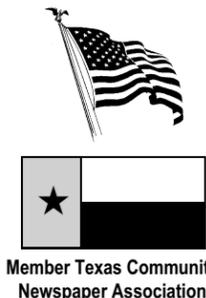
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Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

Is your first decision always final?

Once you make a choice about when you will retire and whether you will take reduced or "full" Social Security benefits, will you ever have the chance to reconsider that decision? You may, depending on your situation.

This issue often comes up in different ways. A woman may ask: "If I take my own Social Security, can I later switch to benefits on my husband's record?" Or a worker deciding whether to retire may ask: "If I take a reduced retirement benefit at 62, will I have that rate forever?" Let's look at an example of each scenario.

Mary, who is five years older than her husband, started drawing her own Social Security benefits at age 62. Because she never worked very much outside the home, and because she took an early retirement benefit, she received only \$400 per month. Five years later, Mary's husband started drawing his Social Security. Because he spent most of his career in high-paying jobs, his Social Security benefit was calculated at \$1,600 per month. Mary was concerned that she was "locked in" to her own Social Security benefits because she took

them first. But she was not. We continued to pay her own \$400 Social Security benefit, and we were able to supplement that with about \$300 on her husband's record.

And if her husband should pass away before she does, we could then supplement her retirement benefits with even higher widow's benefits she would be due on his record.

Concerning reduced retirement benefits on your own record, the rule of thumb is that an early retirement reduction generally applies to your benefits as long as you receive them. But here is an example illustrating a common exception to that rule.

Bob decided to retire and start his Social Security at age 62. His monthly benefit was reduced by about 20 percent because he started his Social Security benefits just over three years before his "full retirement age." But six months later, Bob was getting a little antsy. So Bob decided to return to work. Because he was earning significantly more than the \$11,520 earnings threshold that applies to beneficiaries under their full retirement age, we stopped his Social Security payments. Bob enjoyed

the work so much that he kept working full time even after he reached his full retirement age. But at that point, we were able to restart his Social Security checks (because the earnings limit does not apply after the full retirement age). Bob, who was concerned that his benefits were "locked in" to the age 62 rate, was relieved to learn they were not. His benefits were recomputed, and the initial 20 percent reduction was reduced to about 3 percent. That's because the law says we can apply the reduction only to those six months that Bob actually received Social Security benefits before he turned full retirement age.

So remember: Your first decision about your Social Security benefits doesn't always have to be your final decision.

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

Bonilla says program to repatriate illegals through Texas is ill-founded

WASHINGTON, D.C. — After placing phone calls to the White House and Homeland Security, Congressman Henry Bonilla took another step last week to stop the deportation of illegal immigrants into the 23rd District.

The Department of Homeland Security's "Lateral Repatriation" program has been shipping about 300 illegal immigrants each day from Arizona to ports of entry in Texas. Bonilla and other local officials are concerned that the illegal Mexican immigrants will re-enter through Texas in an attempt to return to their home location, creating a burden on the cities supporting the ports of entry.

"I am in constant contact with the folks in my district. Phone calls, letters and emails are pouring in asking me to help stop the deportations," said Bonilla. "Our cities are not prepared to deal with a flood of illegal immigrants, nor should they have to be."

Bonilla introduced legislation that would specify locations where citizens and nationals of Mexico may be removed from the United States into Mexico. The legislation specifically adds that the deportation of illegal immigrants by land will be done at the port of entry on the U.S. border with Mexico that is closest to the location where the alien was first in-



STOP — Rep. Bonilla and an aide work on legislation to halt "Lateral Repatriation."

spected by an immigration officer.

An exception is made in the legislation that if compliance is not feasible, the Secretary of Homeland Security must notify the Congressional Committees of jurisdiction.

"Let's allow each state to deal with their own immigrant issues. Shipping them to another region is inhumane, dangerous and down-right expensive," said Bonilla. "Today's legislation sends a signal that we disagree with the program and are working overtime to stop it."

Bonilla said he is also concerned with the wasteful and unnecessary spending incurred. Federal dollars are spent each day on two planes chartered each day to transport the

300 illegal immigrants. Other spending includes fuel for the plane, bus transportation and general security costs.

"This program was not thought through from start to finish. I'm disappointed that tax payer money is being used to ship illegal immigrants from one port of entry to another. But more importantly, I'm disappointed that Texas is being used as a magnet for illegal immigrants," said Bonilla.

In addition to introducing legislation, Bonilla met with senior Homeland Security officials and with local leaders, at the Laredo Sector Headquarters on Sept. 18 and at the Del Rio Sector Headquarters the next day.

"At the very least, I want the city leaders to hear first-hand what Homeland Security intends to do with this program. They deserve the facts and solid information," said Bonilla. "I also hope that these meetings gave local folks the opportunity to discuss their worries and concerns. It is their city that will deal with the repercussions of this program."

Congressman Henry Bonilla has represented the 23rd District of Texas since his first election in 1992. He is co-chair of the Congressional Border Caucus and vice-chair of the U.S./Mexico Congressional Caucus.

Child killed after darting into street in San Elizario

A young boy was killed in San Elizario on Monday morning, Sept. 22 when he ran across the street to meet a school bus, according to the El Paso County Sheriff's Office.

The boy, who has been identified as Jose Ignacio Amparan, was a student at Sambrano Elementary School. He was six years old.

He was struck by a 1980 blue Chevrolet pick-up truck near the intersection of Saltillo and Andromeda streets. The driver of the pick-up truck reportedly was traveling north on Saltillo where the speed limit is 30 mph.

Speed is not considered a factor in the accident, according to Sheriff's Dept. Public Information Officer Rick Glancey.

The boy and a little girl were on one side of the street, and as the bus approached they ran across the street. The little girl made it safely across the street and was unharmed.

Glancey said the school bus was more than half a block away from a designated loading zone and had not come to a complete stop, therefore, the driver of the bus was not close enough to the location to turn on his warning signals.

Canutillo ISD teacher selected as finalist for Texas Teacher of the Year

AUSTIN — Six exceptional educators from throughout Texas have been selected as finalists for the esteemed Texas Teacher of the Year award Texas Chief Deputy Commissioner Robert Scott announced Monday, and among them is Kyann McMillie, a second-grade teacher and reading specialist at Canutillo Elementary School in Canutillo Independent School District.



Kyann McMillie

They now advance to the final round of judging in October, when the Texas Elementary Teacher of the Year and the Texas Secondary Teacher of the Year will be selected from among these six finalists. In addition, one of those two

educators will be nominated for prestigious National Teacher of the Year honors, which will be announced by the Council of Chief State School Officers next April.

The six finalists, along with other Regional Teachers of the Year, will be honored at a luncheon on Nov. 8 at the Marriott at the Capitol in Austin. Each Regional Teacher of the Year will receive a \$500 cash prize and an award commemorating their achievement. From among the six finalists, the two educators chosen as Texas Teacher of the Year will receive \$5,000 in cash prizes, plus awards and other mementos.

— Contributed by Alfredo Vasquez

Reyes Reports By U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes



Our military families deserve adequate housing

Military families have a lot on their mind — inadequate, unsafe or cramped housing should be the least of their worries.

Congress and the Department of Defense (DOD) realize this and worked together for years to fund improvements to on-base housing units across the country and to find more efficient ways to provide housing. In fiscal years 2002, 2003 and 2004 (which has yet to be approved), Congress budgeted approximately \$10 billion each year for overall military construction operations. Of that sum, almost half — around \$4 billion each year — was earmarked for family on-base housing construction and improvement. As a member of the House Armed Services Committee (HASC), I worked with my colleagues to ensure that this funding was authorized for the nation's base housing projects.

Here at home, I secured over \$23 million in military construction appropriations for Fort Bliss housing during my tenure in Congress. In fiscal year 2001, for example, I secured \$10.2 million for the construction and improvement to existing senior non-

commissioned officer family quarters at Biggs Army Airfield's Aero Vista Housing, which was recently completed.

Next year, Fort Bliss plans to improve its housing in an even more efficient manner jointly initiated by Congress and DOD: base housing privatization.

Starting in October 2004, Fort Bliss will lease housing units to private commercial housing development and management companies that will be responsible for managing on-post housing. This is part of the Army's Residential Communities Initiative (RCI), an effort to eliminate inadequate housing on Army bases by 2007. The HASC and the Army worked together to establish RCI, under which the Army will create long-term business relationships with private sector developers to improve military family housing communities.

Privatized housing stimulates the local economy by providing job opportunities in the construction and maintenance of facilities, improves the standard of housing, and, most importantly, allows the Army to focus on what it does best — defending our nation.

At Fort Carson in Colorado, where

privatization is already underway, soldiers and their families are thrilled. Their homes are larger and renovated with better amenities and more efficient utilities. Maintenance issues are handled in a timely fashion without concerning the Garrison Command. I worked with HASC Readiness Subcommittee Chairman Joel Hefley (R-CO), who represents Fort Carson and who authored the first housing privatization legislation, and other members of the committee to see that privatization was successfully implemented. Chairman Hefley has told me that "the success of the Fort Carson housing privatization initiative has proven that innovative approaches to military construction can help solve the problem of repairing over 200,000 units of inadequate and substandard military family housing."

Privatized housing on Fort Bliss will allow families to live on base in quality homes. By improving housing, we send a message to soldiers that we care about them and their families' quality of life. Military families sacrifice so much by their participation in the defense of the nation. It is important that they know that the Army and their country appreciate their work.

Notice of Public Meeting To Discuss Canutillo Independent School District's State Financial Accountability Rating

CANUTILLO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT will hold a public meeting at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2003 in the boardroom of the Canutillo ISD Administration Facility, 7965 Artcraft Road, El Paso, Texas.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Canutillo Independent School District's rating on the state's financial accountability system.

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TRUE TEXAS FACTS by Roger Moore September 29, 1979, David Waddell finished his 203 mile waltz across Texas. It took him 19 days to dance across the panhandle.



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HCFD message for fire prevention week: Get out and stay out

By Michelle Farley
Special to the Courier

HORIZON CITY — The Horizon City Fire Department is reaching out to residents this fall with a Fire Prevention Week campaign designed to save lives and prevent injuries by teaching important information about having smoke alarms and fire escape drills.

Fire Prevention Week takes place Oct. 5-11, 2003, and is the basis for public fire safety awareness activities in fire departments and elementary schools across North America. The 2003 Fire Prevention Week theme, "When Fire Strikes: Get Out! Stay Out!" is a lifesaving reminder to leave right away when the smoke alarm goes off, and to stay out until firefighters say it is safe to go back inside.

"This Fire Prevention Week, we are concentrating our efforts on making sure residents of Horizon City

and its surrounding communities understand that they need working smoke alarms on every level of their home, and they should plan ahead of time how they would get out if fire strikes, and practice that plan regularly," says Fire Chief Allen R. Keys, of the Horizon City Fire Department. "Having early warning of a fire, and following a well-practiced escape plan to get out quickly — and stay out — can make the difference between surviving a fire and dying in one."

To reach residents with these life-saving messages, the Horizon City Fire Department is joining forces with NFPA (National Fire Protection Association), the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week for more than 80 years. According to NFPA, half of all fatal home fires occur in the small number of homes that have no smoke alarms.

Judy Comoletti, NFPA assistant vice president for public education, says many people overestimate the

amount of time they may have to get out of a fire. "A fire can become deadly in only moments, making every second count. That's why we're working with groups like the Horizon City Fire Department to raise awareness of the importance of installing smoke alarms and planning and practicing fire drills."

Joining the Horizon City Fire Department and NFPA in the Fire Prevention Week effort are Pella Corporation and the Home Safety Council, organizations that are underwriting an educational outreach program through Weekly Reader reaching more than 9 million students in kindergarten through grade three.

The Horizon City Fire Department will be hosting a community "Meet and Greet" Oct. 11, 2003. Information and location will be provided in next week's *Courier*.

For more information about Fire Prevention Week, log on to the official Web site: www.firepreventionweek.org.

Notification of Nondiscrimination in Career and Technology Education Programs for Clint Independent School District

1) The Clint Independent School District offers Career and Technology education programs in Homemaking, Business, Agriculture and Auto Mechanics. Admission to these programs is based on course pre-requisite and grade level classifications.

2) It is the policy of the Clint Independent School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex 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 the Clint 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.

4) The Clint Independent School District will take steps to assure that lack of English 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 Section 504 Coordinator or Title IX Coordinator at 14521 Horizon Blvd., Horizon City, Texas 79928, or call (915) 926-4000.

Notificación de no Discriminar en los Programas Carrera y Tecnología Educativos del Distrito Escolar de Clint

1) El distrito escolar de Clint está ofreciendo programas de que hacer en el Hogar, Agricultura, y Mecánica. Para poderse admitir en estos programas tienen que estar registrados en el distrito de Clint y completar los requisitos necesarios.

2) Es la póliza del distrito de Clint de no discriminar por causa de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo, o deshabilidad en estos programas vocacionales, servicios, o actividades requeridos por el Título IV del Acta de Derechos Civiles de 1964, que fue enmendada, Título IX de las Enmiendas Educativas de 1972, y la Sección 504 de la Acta de Rehabilitación de 1973, como enmendada.

3) Es la póliza del distrito de Clint de no discriminar por causa de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo, deshabilidad, o la edad en sus metodos de empleo exigido por el Título VI del Acta de Derechos Civiles de 1964, enmendada por las Enmiendas Educativas de 1972, la Ley de Discriminación por Edad de 1975, según enmienda, y la Sección 504 de la Acta de Rehabilitación de 1973, según enmienda.

4) El distrito escolar de Clint tomará pasos para asegurar que la falta de inglés no sea obstáculo para la admisión y participación en todos los programas vocacionales y educativos.

5) Para más información de sus derechos y procedimiento de agravios, puede ponerse en contacto con la Coordinadora Sección 504 o Coordinador del Título IX en la dirección 14521 Horizon Blvd., Horizon City, Texas 79928, o al numero (915) 926-4000.

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couple and \$30 per single person. Anyone interested in attending must RSVP by Oct. 15, 2003. They can email Michael Garcia at MGarcia530@aol.com or call 584-0586 for further information.

■ The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) selected the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo of Texas to receive a \$87,083 grant to establish the Tigua Literacy Program to serve as a resource for middle and high school students for preparation for standardized testing, increase the collection of juvenile fiction holdings, increase computer literacy among tribal members, and establish a tribal archive, according to Congressman Silvestre Reyes. IMLS is an independent federal agency that offers grants to support the core services of Native American libraries. This grant is provided through the Enhancement Grant category of their Native American Library Services.

■ On Oct. 17 and 18, at 8 p.m. at the Abraham Chavez Theatre El Paso audiences will have the opportunity to witness a live performance of one of the acclaimed recordings of Robert McDuffie as he teams with the El Paso Symphony to perform Barber's Violin Concerto. McDuffie is a

Grammy nominated artist whose acclaimed recordings for Telarc include the violin concertos of Mendelssohn, Bruch, Adams, Glass, Rozsa and Barber. He has been profiled on NBC's "Today," "CBS Sunday Mornings," PBS's "Charlie Rose," A & E's



"Breakfast with the Arts" and has received favorable reviews in *The New York Times* and *The Wall Street Journal*. The evening's program also includes Vaughan Williams Concerto for Grosso for Strings joined by over 100 string students in El Paso area schools, and Mendelssohn's Symphony No. 4 in a major, Italian, Op. 90. A Tickets may be purchased at the Symphony Office (915) 532-3776 or at any Ticketmaster outlet.

■ The El Paso Mystery Troupe is conducting auditions Oct. 1 for actors, dancers and keyboard players. Costumers, technical workers and set builders are also needed. Regular performances are held both locally and out of town. Performances are typically murder mysteries and original melodramas. Must be over 18 to audition and both male and female roles are available. Call for audition and further information at 544-5992.

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It is the policy of the Clint 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 Clint 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, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Inquiries concerning your rights may be referred to Section 504 Coordinator or Title IX Coordinator, at 14521 Horizon Blvd., Horizon City, Texas 79928, or call (915) 926-4000.

NOTIFICACION PUBLICA

Es la norma de conducta de el distrito escolar de Clint 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 Clint 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, la Sección 504 del Acta de Rehabilitación de 1973, como enmendado, la Ley de Discriminación por Edad de 1975 como enmendado, y el Acta de Americanos con Deshabilitades.

Para información tocanta a sus derechos comuníquese con Coordinadora de la Sección 504 o Coordinador del Título IX, en la dirección 14521 Horizon Blvd., Horizon City, Texas 79928, o al numero (915) 926-4000.

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Construction to begin in early October on El Paso's Texas State Veterans Home

AUSTIN — Jerry Patterson, Commissioner of the Texas General Land Office and Chairman of the Texas Veterans Land Board said he was pleased to break ground at the future site of the Texas State Veterans Home in El Paso. The ceremony took place on Wednesday, Sept. 24 at 9650 Kenworthy Drive.

"With so many veterans living in El Paso, I can't think of a better place to build a nursing home designed expressly for them," Patterson said. "For veterans in Texas, we intend to offer the best care anywhere."

The El Paso home will have 160 beds, of which 60 will be certified for Alzheimer's care in a separate,

secure wing. There are no nursing homes in El Paso County with certified Alzheimer's-care beds, and more than 2,100 of the county's 56,000 veterans are thought to have the disease.

The home will employ about 150 full-time employees, including registered nurses, licensed vocational nurses, therapists, nurses' aides, laundry and housekeeping staff, activities aides, cooks and dietary staff. Its annual payroll will be more than \$3 million.

Urban Associates of El Paso was awarded the contract to construct the Texas State Veterans Home in El Paso. The approximately \$9.7 million contract is the largest ever made by the General Land Office or Veterans Land

Board to a minority-owned firm.

There are Texas State Veterans Homes in Big Spring, Floresville, Bonham and Temple. Each home has 160 beds and provides skilled long-term care, comprehensive rehabilitation programs, special diets, recreational activities, social services, a library, and a certified, secured Alzheimer's unit with its own secure outdoor courtyard.

For additional information on Texas State Veterans Homes and state home, land and home improvement loans for Texas veterans, call (800) 252-VETS, or visit the Texas Veterans Land Board Web site at www.texasveterans.com.



IMPROVING RURAL COMMUNITIES — The County of Hudspeth received \$263,000 to construct paving, curbs and gutters around the newly restored Hudspeth County Courthouse in Sierra Blanca. Hudspeth County Judge Becky Dean-Walker, right, is shown with grant writer Jerry Carvajal, left, and Robert J. "Sam" Tessen, center. Judge Walker said the Courthouse is the only adobe courthouse still in use in Texas and the restoration was accomplished by a previous grant from the Texas Historical Commission. Judge Walker also accepted a grant for \$263,000 on behalf of the City of Dell City and Mayor Pam Dean. Dell City, also in Hudspeth County, will utilize the grant to upgrade the fresh water system for this rural community, replacing pipes, upgrading filtering stacks and updating the electrical system.

ORCA

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care services in the region.

Grant recipients who attended the event were honored with an oversized check in the amount of their award, which ranged from \$908 to \$500,000.

Some awardees received checks made out for "tuition" instead of a

dollar amount. These recipients will be reimbursed for tuition costs incurred for their health care professional career training at accredited Texas schools in exchange for their providing health care services in a rural area following their graduation.

"We are here to celebrate the success of each of these grant recipients who worked hard to prepare the applications required to secure these funds for their communities,"

ORCA's Executive Director, Robert J. "Sam" Tessen said. "The commitment exemplified by these awardees reflects the sincere devotion rural Texans have to their neighbors. This strong dedication deserves more than just a letter from the state. This type of allegiance deserves personal recognition from the federal, state, regional and local officials and citizens who all benefit from this determination to keep rural Texas thriving."



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Clint Independent School District SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

Clint Independent School District provides the following educational program/services to identified disabled children who reside within the district beginning on the third birthday through age twenty-one.

1) Instructional Program: including Early Childhood (beginning on the third birthday through age five), Resource (grades K-12) and Self-Contained (grades K-12)

2) Diagnostic Services

3) Transportation Services

4) Speech Therapy

5) Counseling Services

6) Adaptive Equipment Services

7) Physical Therapy

8) Occupational Therapy

9) School Health Services

10) Homebound Services

Services are provided to identified auditorial and visually impaired children who reside within the district from birth through age twenty-one and to private/home school students who qualify for special education services, .

In compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 and Public Law 105-17, parents and adult students have the right to inspect educational records. District policies FL and FL-E 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 the Special Education Director at 125 Brown Street, Clint, Texas 79836, or call (915) 851-2877.

SERVICIOS DE EDUCACION ESPECIAL

El distrito escolar de Clint provee los siguientes programas/ servicios educacionales a niños que son identificados como deshabilitados que viven dentro del distrito comenzando con el tercer cumpleaños hasta los 21 años.

1) programa de instrucción: infancia temprana (comenzando con el tercer cumpleaños hasta la edad de cinco años), cuarto de recurso (K-12), y clases contenidas (K-12)

2) servicios diagnósticos

3) servicios de transportación

4) terepia de habla

5) servicios de consejo

6) servicios de equipaje adaptivo

7) terapia fisica

8) terapia ocupacional

9) servicios de salud escolar

10) servicios de clases en el hogar

Se provee servicios a niños identificados como deshabilitados audible y visualmente que viven dentro del distrito desde nacimiento hasta la edad de 21 años y para estudiantes en clases privadas/en el hogar que califican para servicios de educación especial.

Conforme al Acto de Derechos y Confidencia Educacionales de Familia de 1974 y Ley Publica 105-17, 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 información o sabe de un niño/niña deshabilitado que vive en el distrito escolar de Clint que no esta recibiendo servicios educacionales, favor de comunicarse con la Directora de Educación Especial en la direccion 125 Brown Street, Clint, Texas 79836, o al numero (915) 851-2577.

We watch boxing for the shock value so who should be shocked?

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

I didn't get to watch the Oscar De La Hoya fight until HBO carried it for free last Saturday night and I made an honest effort to score the fight as I saw it.

I didn't turn on the sound so the announcers couldn't influence me though... heck, on the contrary, I disagree with what they're saying half the time, anyway.

All I can say is anyone who could score that fight for Shane Mosley, either had a wad of money riding on Mosley or knows absolutely nothing about the sport of boxing.

What I saw was De La Hoya setting the pace, out-quicking Mosley and out-jabbing him throughout.

I saw Mosley waving his arms about for a good part of the fight without throwing any punches. One of the neighborhood kids visiting my son began to watch the fight and he said it all. The eight-year old asked "why isn't that guy throwing any punches?"

That was a good question.

I didn't have the answer, but apparently the

judges at ringside had the answers, enough answers to hand Mosley the decision.

Another thing I saw was utter shock on the face of Mosley when the announcement was made. He was totally convinced that he had been beaten and couldn't come close to concealing his surprise.

Oscar, on the other hand, also had a look of shock on his face but it was the shock of a man having something stolen out from under him.

I scored the fight 8-4 in favor of De La Hoya and it really wasn't difficult. Mosley hit Oscar with some big shots to the body in the later rounds but only landed one punch at a time.

By the time Oscar had landed five, six or seven punches, Mosley would land another hard shot. Mosley wasn't busy enough to beat anybody in the fight and, at times, even drew boos from the crowd.

To hammer home the fact that boxing judges, for the most part, are incompetent, the De La Hoya-Mosley replay was shown before the live heavyweight fight between Chris Byrd and Fres Oquendo.

That fight went to a decision and it was quite evident that Oquendo had beaten Byrd easily. Then the announcement was made, 117-111,

116-112 and 115-113 in favor of... you guessed it, Chris Byrd.

The HBO team of Larry Merchant, George Foreman and Jim Lampley all looked a little embarrassed by the awful decision and couldn't hide their dismay.

So with all the corruption and questionable antics surrounding the sport, why do we continue to watch?

Why do we slow down to take a better look at the accident victims as we pass by on the freeway?

Boxing is a controlled car wreck. An oddity that disgusts us up until the next big pay-per-view car wreck comes along.

Was De La Hoya robbed? You bet he was. But we shouldn't complain — that's why we watch. Because we know that something out of the ordinary can happen at any given time.

Excuse me... what was that noise outside? I've got to go now... I think it's a car wreck.

Awards time

The Major League Baseball regular season is winding down this week and the playoffs, which last about as long as the regular season, will soon be upon us.

And with that it's time for me to hand out my 2003 Player of the Year awards.

Cy Young Award: Eric Gagne of the Los Angeles Dodgers and Roy Halladay of the Toronto Blue Jays. Gagne has saved an unbelievable 53 consecutive opportunities while Halladay, as of last Monday, had a record of 21-7 with an ERA of 3.22.

Manager of the Year: Tony Pena of the Kansas City Royals and Jack McKeon of the Florida Marlins.

Player of the Year: In the American League, Alex Rodriguez has hit 47 home runs, driven in 117, scored 122 runs and is batting .297 for the Texas Rangers. No one else comes close.

In the National League, *the award should go to* St. Louis Cardinals outfielder Albert Pujols.

What? Some of you think it should go to Barry Bonds? Let's look at the numbers and you tell me who was more productive. Batting average: Pujols .363, Bonds .337; Runs scored: Pujols 133, Bonds 107; hits: Pujols 207, Bonds 127; doubles: Pujols 49, Bonds 21; Home runs: Bonds 44, Pujols 43; RBI: Pujols 124, Bonds 88; walks: Bonds 147, Pujols 76. Need I say more?

Shakespeare on the Rocks has Socorro ISD and Horizon City connections

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — The 2003 edition of *Shakespeare on the Rocks*, the annual Shakespearean Festival produced by the El Paso Association for the Performing Arts, includes among its cast representatives of the Socorro Independent School District and Horizon City in the perennial favorite comedy, *Much Ado About Nothing*.

Appearing in the role of the 3rd Watchman and Messina Citizen is Montwood High School senior Christopher Dickman. Chris has been acting since he was five and has participated in productions of *Singing in the Rain*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* and the *Shakespeare on the Rocks* Festival. He also has a role in the *Company Green Show*, an irreverent look at the plays of William Shakespeare which proceed each performance.

Joining Chris in the festival company's production is Americas High School junior, Andria Ruiz. Cast

in the role of Ursula, a gentlewoman, this is Andria's first year with *Shakespeare on the Rocks*. However, she is no stranger to the stage. While attending Americas High School, she has been in theatre for the past two years performing in plays such as the *Wizard of Oz*, *Frankenstein*, and another Shakespearean favorite, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

"Did you think I did not recognize you by your wit? You are he, You are he." So Andria accuses her father, Socorro ISD employee and former Horizon City Mayor, Tom Ruiz who is cast as Antonio, the older brother of Messina Governor Leonato.

A fan for many years who regularly attended each year with his daughter, this is Tom's first season as a performer with the festival. His daughter's interest in theater brought back his zest for the performing arts and together they auditioned. His previous experience includes two years in the cast of Showtime USA, performing in *The*

Curious Savage, *Gaslight*, and the musical *Li'l Abner* as well as numerous skits and poetry readings. Tom has often been a judge of high school speech and drama competitions saying, "it's a small way to give back to the Texas education system for the fun I had as a student."

All three of the actors say their love of theatre and the chance to entertain others are all the motivation they need to participate in the festival. Other productions in this year's festival are *Antony and Cleopatra* and *The Comedy of Errors*. Staged in the McKelligan amphitheatre, the plays appear each Friday, Saturday and Sunday starting at 8:00 pm. *Shakespeare on the Rocks* is produced in association with the University of Texas at El Paso and El Paso Community College, with the support of the City of El Paso Arts & Culture and Parks & Recreation Departments, and the Texas Commission on the Arts. For more information call 915-565-6900.

Fabens

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Business Administration and Master of Education from UTEP.

"I am very excited about the challenges that face our public schools everyday," he said. "I am thankful for Fabens ISD giving me this opportunity. Our students, teachers, staff, and community will always have my support and dedication."

Alarcon has been in education for 11 years. His previous position was Principal of O'Donnell Elementary. He and his wife Magdalene have three sons, Gilbert Jr., 10; Nicholas, 8; and Aaron, 3.

Named the Middle School Principal of the Year of El Paso County for 2002-2003, Silva has left that all behind to work in the Curriculum/Federal Programs area. "I am excited to be in a new position where I can work with all campuses," she said. "But, I have so much to learn!" she added.

Silva has been in the education

field for 18 years, with Principal of Fabens Middle School being her last position. She holds the B.S. Degree in Secondary Education/Mathematics and the M.Ed. in Education. She and Leon Silva have been married for 33 years, have two sons, Adrian 28 and Benjamin 24, and two grandchildren, Matthew 3 years and Kaytlyn 3 months.

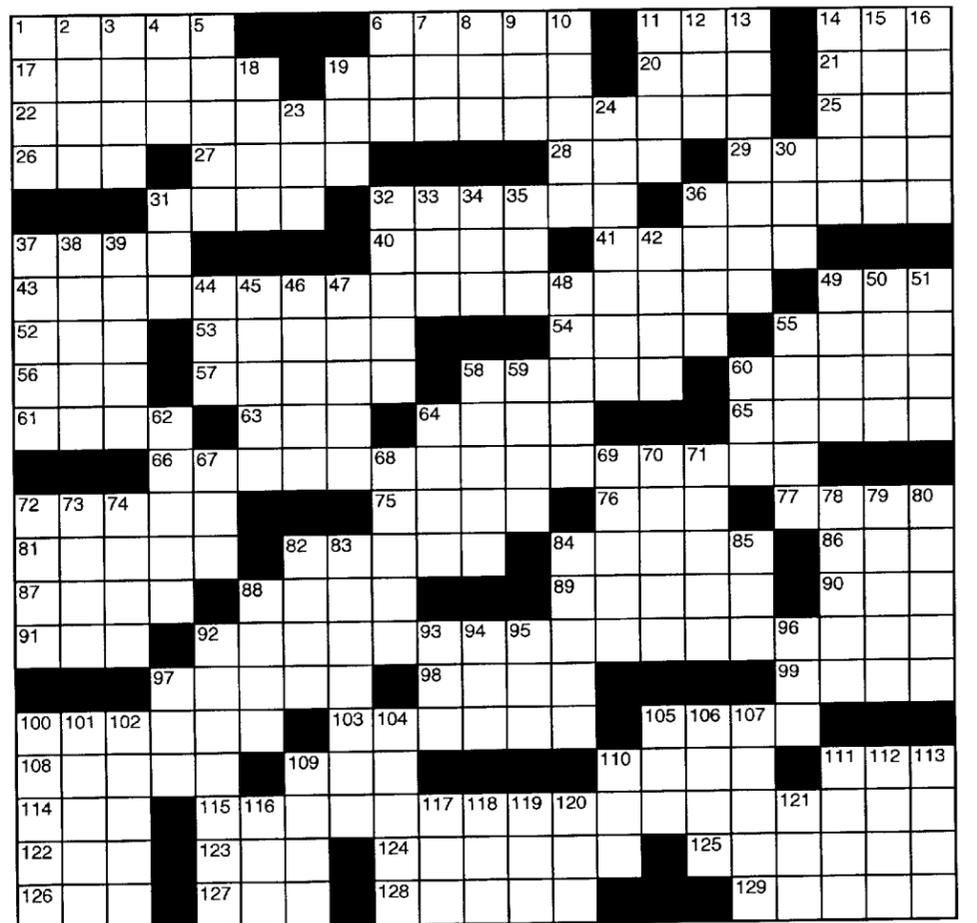
This year most schools in the district have received new principals. The exception to this rule is Fabens High School. Under the leadership of Principal Robert Sepulveda, the high school received Recognized status in May, 2002. Sepulveda has continued to hold the reins at the high school with the help of Bea Zavala, assistant principal.

New to Fabens Middle School is Principal Rafael Ramirez; however, Ruben Carrillo will be returning as Assistant Principal. Other new principals include, Jeanette Williams, O'Donnell Elementary; Ileana Ayala, Risinger Elementary; and Sandra Carbajal, Fabens Primary.

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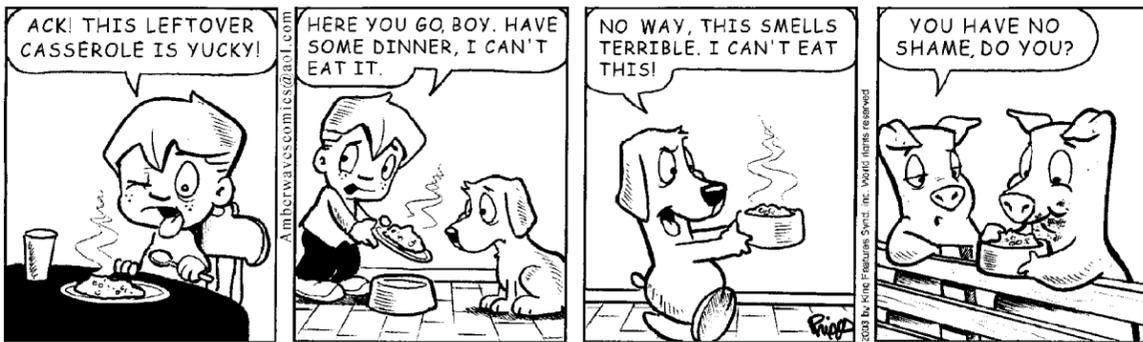


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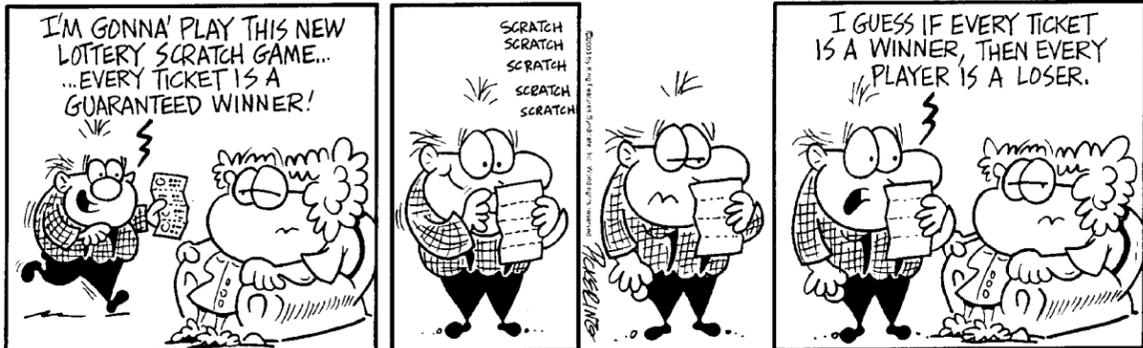
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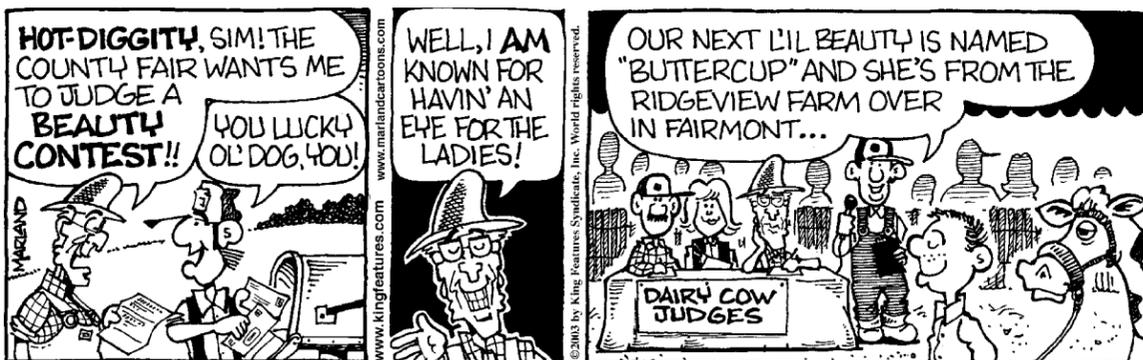
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Don't wait for midlife crisis

By Don Flood

OK, baby boomers, it's time to lean out your windows and shout: *It's my turn to go crazy!*

Time was, there was only one accepted age-related crisis — the midlife crisis.

People worked toward it. They earned it. They basked in the added attention made possible by their antics.

Now baby boomers are — or at least should be — enjoying their prime midlife crisis years — those crazy days of divorce, hairpieces, sports cars, affairs and embarrassing public displays.

You know, the good times we'll remember in our old age.

Many older boomers, of course, have already had their crises, Bill Clinton being lucky enough to have his while serving as president.

But younger boomers — those just now turning 40 — aren't likely to receive the attention they deserve.

That's partly the result of a book published two years ago, "The Quarterlife Crisis: The Unique Challenges of Life in Your Twenties."

According to a recent ABC News report, this concept of a "quarterlife crisis" is gaining currency, with the 20-somethings' main gripe boiling down to: *Life isn't as fulfilling as they expected.*

Well, big deal! Wait your turn to have a personal crisis, just like we did.

Not that the 40-somethings don't enjoy some advantages when it comes to making a spectacle of themselves.

A middle-aged man facing a midlife crisis, for example, can always turn to that old standby, the hairpiece.

Young men aren't so lucky. Most still have a full head of hair.

For them, sadly, the dream of adding new zest to their lives by

joining the Hair Club remains just that — a dream.

The same goes for having an extramarital affair.

With young people putting off marriage, many lack a spouse to cheat on — making the idea of such an affair dull and pointless.

Then there are the most pathetic ones, young people so busy having fun they don't realize they're entitled to have a quarterlife crisis — until it's too late.

One morning they wake up and they're 30 years old — too old for the quarterlife crisis but too young for the midlife version.

But soon, I suspect, new "crisis" life stages will be discovered, upstaging even the quarterlifers:

Sixthlifers — Ages 15-18: The younger ones anxiously look forward to the day they can drive.

The older ones can drive but learn that gas costs money. There's also the special torture of discovering that the boring town they used to walk around is just as boring to drive around.

Eighthlifers — Ages 11-14: Waiting for years to become teenagers who — judging by TV and movies — rule the world, they are often disturbed to find they have parents to whom they still have to listen.

Tenthlifers — Ages 8-10: For the younger ones, the once-funny Captain Underpants starts to seem embarrassing.

For the older ones, turning 10 — the double digits! — often isn't what it's cracked up to be.

By the time they've blown out the candles on their birthday cake, many are already asking, "Is that all there is?"

Here's my advice to boomers: schedule your midlife crisis as soon as possible.

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PUBLIC MEETING

FY 2004/2005 Solid Waste Grants Program

A public meeting will be held by the Rio Grande Council of Governments (RGCOG) regarding the Solid Waste Management Grants program for fiscal years 2002 and 2003. An estimated total of \$240,459 will be available to local governments in each of the next two years for projects in the following categories:

- Local Law Enforcement to Curb Illegal Dumping
- Community and Workplace Waste Reduction and Recycling
- Household Hazardous Waste Management
- Litter and Illegal

Dumping Cleanup
• Citizens Collection Stations and "Small" Registered Transfer Stations
• Community Collection Events
• Technical Studies
• Educational and Training Projects

Grant-funded activities must be conducted in a way that will not create unfair competition with the private sector. Activities must generally support solid waste management options other than basic collection and land disposal. Activities must be in accordance with the Municipal Solid Waste Plan for Far West Texas and the Solid Waste Management Plan for Texas. Grant-funded activities must help to implement the regional solid waste management plan, and show measurable results.

RGCOG staff will

explain the goals and objectives of the regional plan, the recommended grant categories, the availability of grant funding to local governments, and the process for considering private industry concerns regarding particular projects. Public comment is invited regarding the recommended priorities for funding and the proposed funding plan. Questions or comments regarding eligible activities, proposal review procedures, and private industry concerns will also be welcomed.

Meeting location, date, and time are as follows:

- Wednesday, October 8, 2003 at 1:00 p.m. (MST) at the Rio Grande Council of Governments 6th Floor Conference Room, 1100 North Stanton Street, El Paso, Texas.

Persons unable to attend the meeting are invited to submit written comments to the Rio Grande Council of Governments, Attention: Evaristo A. Cruz, 1100 North Stanton Street, Suite 610, El Paso, Texas 79902, or fax their comments to: (915) 532-9385.

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 South West Wrecker, 1401 Darrington Rd., 855-1900, 851-2091-fax, or it will be sold at public auction for charges: VIN - JNIMS36P6NW107580, 1992 Nissan, 290 SX, red, license Z68SHXZ VIN - IP4FH44R9LX227178,

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For Sanity's Sake By Taprina Milburn

Junktiques

My husband and I spent a big part of the weekend nosing around antique stores. Junk stores may be the more appropriate term. Or JUNKTIQUE stores, as some owners boldly proclaimed in painted letters on wooden signs.

My guy's on a mission to find old service station memorabilia — Philips 66, Conoco and Gulf signs.

"We'll make ya a deal," we heard one man say. His voice came from behind a counter that was stacked high

with old record albums, dishes and log cabin or Jacob's ladder quilt pieces someone started but for reasons unknown — a death in the family, the arrival of a new baby, or the need to get on with another project — did not finish.

The owner squeezed out from his spot and followed us around the store, which smelled like mothballs and wet cardboard. It looked as if at one time he tried to have some organization to his collectibles — kitchen ware in the far left corner, lamps in the back, children's toys crammed in a nook on the right — but perhaps over the years

he became overwhelmed and gave up.

Like trying to put a lid on a generously filled Tupperware bowl (which were also bountiful in this shop), what didn't fit inside the house spilled out onto the front porch and lawn, and surrounded the sides and back of the property.

Some people are rich in land and cattle. This man was rich in junk (with a few antiques sprinkled here and there). As a litter of kittens is dumped off at a farm because owners think their unwanted animals will fare better (or more likely they only want to rid themselves of the burden), this shop owner often greeted the day with a new box of collectibles on his lawn.

"People know I'm in the business," he said.

How he could distinguish the new boxes from the oodles of other unpacked boxes of castoffs, I'm not sure, but I suppose he has a system.

My husband looked at the man's service station signs, and they began the bargaining talks. The deal the shop owner wanted to make him wasn't quite the deal my guy had hoped to get. The owner was quite proud of his rusty signs pocked with bullet holes, which is good because he may have them for a while.

We drove on to the next shop with a cute sign, "Judy's Antiques and Collectibles."

As soon as we walked through the door we were greeted with the smell of vanilla and apples. Judy's store looked more like a well-kept farmhouse, a place you could linger in for more than 20 minutes without having a sneeze attack. Her junktiques were stacked attractively in turn-of-the-century cupboards, and her unfinished quilt pieces decorated the walls.

"It's the same stuff we saw down the road; it only smells better," my husband said, getting antsy and adding that the store was too girly.

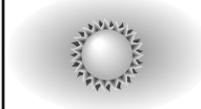
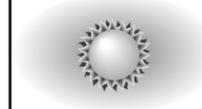
Ah yes, but Judy knows something about marketing her junk.

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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR EL PASO

THURSDAY	THUR. NIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
							
▲ 80°	▼ 58°	▲ 86° ▼ 60°	▲ 88° ▼ 58°	▲ 86° ▼ 56°	▲ 82° ▼ 60°	▲ 86° ▼ 62°	▲ 84° ▼ 62°

UV INDEX Statistics for noon.

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

Thursday	6	Moderate
Friday	8	High
Saturday	9	Very High
Sunday	8	High
Monday	7	High
Tuesday	9	Very High
Wednesday	8	High

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Thursday	76°
Friday	77°
Saturday	79°
Sunday	77°
Monday	75°
Tuesday	83°
Wednesday	84°

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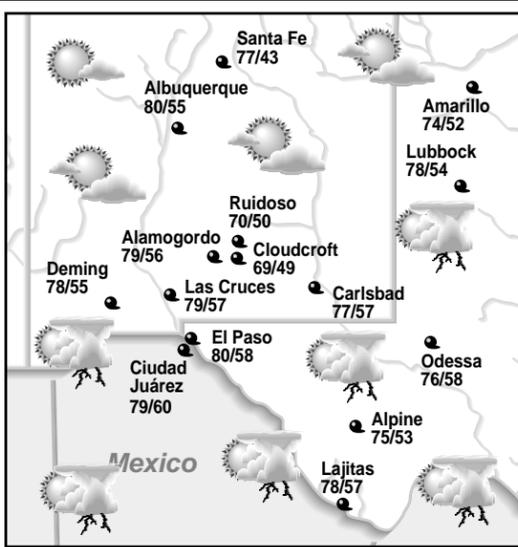
Some moisture will be transported into the area from the remnants of Hurricane Marty and will increase cloud cover and the chance of a thunderstorm on Thursday. Precipitation chances will then decrease Friday and the amount of sunshine will increase. Highs will mainly be in the 80s with lows in the 50s to near 60.

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TEXAS WEATHER

Anthony	79	58
Canutillo	80	59
Clint	79	58
E. Montana	80	58
Fabens	79	58
Horizon	80	59
San Elizario	77	56
Socorro	79	57
Tornillo	79	58
Vinton	80	59

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	80/55/s	83/55/s	82/56/pc	74/54/s	76/51/s
Atlanta	82/62/pc	80/62/pc	78/60/pc	76/56/pc	74/55/s
Atlantic City	74/56/pc	74/58/s	72/60/c	75/56/pc	75/49/pc
Austin/San Antonio	85/62/pc	84/64/pc	88/65/pc	81/57/s	82/59/s
Baltimore	80/52/pc	74/58/s	72/62/c	76/56/pc	74/48/pc
Boston	72/54/pc	70/54/s	68/58/pc	70/58/pc	68/49/c
Chicago	62/44/pc	66/48/pc	64/46/pc	60/46/pc	66/46/pc
Dallas/Ft. Worth	82/60/pc	83/65/s	82/60/pc	79/59/s	80/59/s
Denver	76/48/s	80/46/s	72/44/s	76/46/s	76/45/s
Flagstaff	74/40/pc	74/39/pc	74/39/pc	76/38/s	72/39/s
Houston	86/66/pc	86/66/pc	88/66/pc	84/64/pc	84/64/s
Kansas City	68/50/s	74/51/s	68/46/pc	69/51/pc	74/54/s
Las Vegas	94/68/s	94/68/pc	94/68/s	94/67/s	91/65/s
Miami	87/76/c	87/76/pc	88/76/pc	88/77/c	88/75/pc
Minneapolis	57/47/pc	57/40/pc	57/43/pc	58/46/pc	65/39/pc
New Orleans	86/68/pc	85/68/pc	84/67/pc	80/63/s	79/61/s
New York City	76/59/pc	71/60/s	71/60/c	73/61/pc	71/54/pc
Philadelphia	78/58/pc	74/58/s	72/62/c	76/58/pc	74/54/pc
Phoenix	96/75/pc	98/75/pc	100/75/s	100/75/s	98/73/s
Portland	78/54/s	82/54/s	82/54/s	80/52/s	71/45/c
San Francisco	72/56/pc	70/56/pc	70/56/pc	70/56/pc	72/52/pc
Seattle	71/50/s	73/52/s	75/52/s	75/52/s	67/45/c
Tucson	87/67/pc	93/69/pc	96/69/pc	96/67/s	93/66/s
Washington, DC	80/58/pc	74/60/s	72/64/c	76/60/pc	75/55/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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