



NEWSBRIEFS

Child safety

The El Paso County Sheriff's Office has a program in place to provide free child safety seats to qualified families or individuals. The Sheriff's Office participates in a statewide program called "SAFE RIDERS". This is a community-based program sponsored by the Texas Department of Health Services. One of the top priorities for the Sheriff's Office is the safety and well being of the children in this community, especially in a vehicle. Currently, the Sheriff's Office has six certified technicians that specialize in the proper installation of a child safety seat. The child safety seats are provided to the Sheriff's Office at no cost. To qualify for a free child safety seat, you must attend an instructional class and show the technician how to install it. The process takes approximately one hour. The technicians will also check your existing child safety seat for recalls and proper installation. There is a class scheduled at Loya School in San Elizario on June 17th, at 10:00 am. This class might be full but we can obtain your information for a future presentation. If you are interested in this program or to see if you qualify, please call the El Paso County Sheriff's Office Community Services Section at 921-5150. Also, you can check our web site for related information: www.el-paso.tx.us/sheriff, click on tips and go to the seat belt drop box.

Juneteenth

This year marks the 140th anniversary of Juneteenth, the day slaves in Texas learned of their independence following the end of the Civil War. At Galveston, on June 19, 1865, U.S. Gen. Gordon Granger announced that the Emancipation Proclamation of 1863 was in effect. As the news of freedom spread across Texas, celebrations occurred and Juneteenth evolved into one of the oldest, nationally celebrated tributes to the ending of slavery in the United States. The Texas Historical Commission (THC) offers a free brochure outlining the contributions of African Americans in Texas history, focusing on statewide cultural attractions. Juneteenth is a great opportunity to acknowledge the history, education and achievement of African Americans. The brochure is a perfect guide for any Juneteenth outing. Many cities across Texas will celebrate the day. Highlights include: a film festival in Dallas, a lecture series in Corpus Christi, an exhibit opening, a parade and picnic on Galveston Island, parades and activities in Brenham, Rusk and Lubbock, a blues fest in Austin, and a barbecue in Marble Falls. To obtain a copy of African Americans in Texas: Historical and Cultural Legacies, call 866/276-6219, or visit www.thc.state.tx.us. For more information on Juneteenth and an activities list visit www.juneteenth.org.

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If a man cannot be a gentleman where he is, he cannot be a gentleman anywhere.
— Quips & Quotes

Socorro ISD students receive numerous 'Cappie' awards

By Carlos A. Briano
Special to the Courier

On Tuesday May 31, area schools took a moment to celebrate their best theater performances in their annual "Cappies" Gala. Socorro Independent School District students took 13 awards in the various categories.

Cappies is a national organization that strives to recognize the acting and technical efforts of high school theater. The El Paso organization was the second charter member in the nation and is still going strong, according to Troy Herbort, program director for the El Paso Cappies.

"We started this because the only time the educational theater community saw each other was at competition," he said. "We didn't see each other's shows because we were all so busy. The Cappies has built a community. We all know each other so much better now."

Taking honors for SISD was Socorro High's John Prislán for Best Sound, Abel Sepulveda for Best Lighting, Julio Quezada for Best Set, Jennifer Ash for Best Stage Crew, Chris Lane for Best Comic Actor in a Play, Denise Vasquez for Best Featured Actress in a Play and Helen Jaksch for Best Female Critic. Montwood High's Ivan Cano won for Best Make-Up, Victoria Rodriguez won Best Female Dancer, Eileen Abrigo won Best Comic Actress in a Play and Mandy Lopez won Best Comic Actress in a Musical. Socorro High School won Outstanding Critic Team while Montwood won Best Ensemble in a Musical.

The student critics vote online for the nominated categories. Critics are only allowed to vote on shows they critiqued themselves. The Cappies computer program tabulates the scores and generates a Cappie winner. Winners were selected in 35 categories.

"We are very proud that in our mission statement we seek to maximize students' artistic skills," said SISD Superintendent Dr. Robert



— Photo courtesy Socorro ISD

Denise Vasquez of Socorro High won the 2005 Cappie Award for Best Featured Actress in a Play.

J. Durón. "The Cappies is certainly a celebration of that."

And according to Victoria Hays, Cappies national program manager, the nation has noticed El Paso's excellent theater program.

"We are thrilled that El Paso is still thriving," she said. "We use El Paso as an example to encourage other cities to join."

Socorro refines fireworks ordinance

By Arleen Beard
Special to the Courier

SOCORRO — With the Fourth of July quickly approaching, the City of Socorro has acted regarding the sale of fireworks, fees governing those sales and restrictions on the public ignition of fireworks for the safety of the community.

Fireworks sales first came up during the May 19, 2005 council meeting. City Representative Gary Gandara mentioned he would like to see the City of Socorro make some money off of the fireworks sales, whether through sales tax revenues or charging the fireworks vendors a per stand fee or both. The agenda item was tabled for further discussion and to allow City Attorney Richard Contreras to put together an ordinance addressing these issues.

During the council meeting on June 2, 2005, the issue was revisited. Contreras provided the city an ordinance that addressed the sales of fireworks within the city limits and in the extra-territorial jurisdiction (ETJ) of Socorro.

After considerable discussion the council approved the first reading of Ordinance 246 which included a per stand licensing fee of \$750. The

ordinance and fee would apply to fireworks stands with locations both in the city and within 5000 feet of the municipal boundaries of Socorro. It would restrict stand locations within the municipal limits of the City of Socorro to Horizon Blvd., between Thunder Road and Interstate 10, and along Gateway East Blvd.

The ordinance also requires fireworks vendors to carry a minimum of \$1,000,000 of liability insurance and still prohibits the igniting of fireworks within Socorro's municipal limits. It allows police to inspect any business selling fireworks and allows for fines up to \$500 per day for failing to comply with the ordinance.

There is no mention of the penalty for individuals who are caught igniting fireworks in the city. This and other City of Socorro information can be found at www.socorrotexas.org, the city's website. The second reading is scheduled for June 16.

In other business, Council approved for the City of Socorro to participate in the Native American Arts and Crafts Festival and Overnight Campout being held at Cougar Park on June 11-12, 2005. Council decided to commit a minimum of \$1,000.00 towards the festival. That amount may increase if more funds are sought from the budget.

Tick time in Texas: Some carry diseases

Warm days and sunny skies draw many people outdoors this time of year. The same environment also brings out the insects, some of which carry diseases.

"It's tick time in Texas," said Glenna Teltow, a medical entomologist with the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS). "Ticks often are found in the same spots people like to visit — wooded, brushy and grassy areas."

A bite from an infected tick can cause illnesses such as Lyme disease, Rocky Mountain spotted fever, tularemia and human ehrlichiosis. With prompt medical attention, these illnesses almost always can be successfully treated with antibiotics. But if people do not recognize the symptoms and seek treatment, the illnesses can be serious, some even fatal, Teltow said.

In Texas, the tick most likely to attach to humans is the lone star tick. "This tick, which is about the size of a watermelon seed, will readily feed on human blood," Teltow said. "The lone star female tick is easily recognized by a single white dot on her back, while the male tick has white markings around the edges of his back."

The most frequently diagnosed tick-borne illness in Texas is Lyme disease, a bacterial infection that can cause skin, joint, heart and nervous system problems. The disease usually begins with a characteristic "bull's-eye" rash followed by fatigue, headache, fever, stiff neck and joint pain. Symptoms usually appear in 7 to 14 days.

Rocky Mountain spotted fever is a serious disease transmitted most commonly by the bite of an infected tick. People who remove ticks also can become infected if they crush ticks between their fingers, allowing the bacteria to penetrate the skin or come in contact with mucous membranes. Initial symptoms, following an incubation period of 3 to 14 days, include sudden onset of high fever, headache, chills and muscle aches. A rash often appears a few days later. Prompt medical attention is extremely important because Rocky Mountain spotted fever can be fatal without prompt treatment with antibiotics.

Tularemia is a bacterial disease affecting animals and humans. It can be spread through a tick bite or through contact with blood or tissue from infected animals, especially wild rabbits, or by handling or eating undercooked meat from infected animals. Symptoms include fever, an ulcerative skin sore at the site of the tick bite and painful swollen lymph glands. If the organism is ingested, the person may have a throat infection, abdominal pain, diarrhea and vomiting.

In Texas, human ehrlichiosis is a rare disease with fewer than 10 cases reported each year. Most infections cause a sudden onset of illness with fever, chills and headache, usually beginning about 12 days after the tick bite.

"Avoiding ticks is always the best prevention for any of these diseases," Teltow said. "Keep ticks off pets and discourage unwanted animals such as rats, mice and stray dogs and cats around the home." Other suggestions from DSHS:

- If you are in an area with ticks, check your body carefully for them every few hours. Ticks are small and can be hard to see, and they can

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One perspective

By Francis Shrum

A good body

There's a lot of emphasis these days on bodies. Are we too fat? Are we too thin? We all want to have "a good body," meaning we want it to look really good — lean, athletic, strong and shaped just right.

When it comes to our bodies, we Americans skid from one ditch to the other. Either we work ourselves into a lather trying to create this impossible image or we just give up entirely and don't care for ourselves much at all.

There's something we miss, though, when we do that. We ignore the fact that if we are still drawing breath, if our thinker is still thinking, and our appendages still moving, albeit a little slower and with less agility than in our youth, we've all got a really great body.

It never occurred to me what an incredible creation the human body is until I had my first child. I remember being awed by the perfection of his little round eyes, the tiny fingernails, the translucence of his skin.

He's grown up now, as rough and scruffy as any other man, his skin darkened by the sun, callused and scarred from life use, but he's still a walking miracle.

And that *is* the miracle. We are equipped with everything we need to go successfully from birth through the appointed years of our lives until it is time to call it quits. How well our equipment keeps performing depends to a large extent on how well we take care of it, but with even minimal care,

it is amazing how much our bodies will take and still take care of us.

There are, of course, those extreme cases where someone is blown almost to bits in an explosion or car accident and they manage to recover and recapture a normal life. Everyone recognizes those miracles.

But what about the little everyday miracles that occur in our bodies that we humans, being the extremists we are, fail to even notice. After all, we expect so much. We want our bodies to keep on keeping on but not bother us with pain or discomfort — which is usually brought on by our misuse.

We can sunburn ourselves and within a few days our skin has repaired itself. We can cut our hand and the same healing miracle begins. Consider how many times your body has emerged victorious from warring with some sickness you had, or managed to defeat a germ or virus before it took hold — and you never even knew about the skirmish.

It will even recover from rather extraordinary damage that we inflict on it in the name of improvement. For instance, my foot was getting pretty misshapen. So I had surgery. Three incisions, in which a toe joint was given a good scraping and a bone was cut and reset with a metal pin. Now that's pretty intrusive and extreme. And my flesh and bone let me know how unhappy they were there for awhile.

Only a few months later, though, I'm walking around as good as I was before the surgery and fully expect to do even better as time goes along. Thanks, of course, to the miracle my

body has performed, steadily marching on with the healing process.

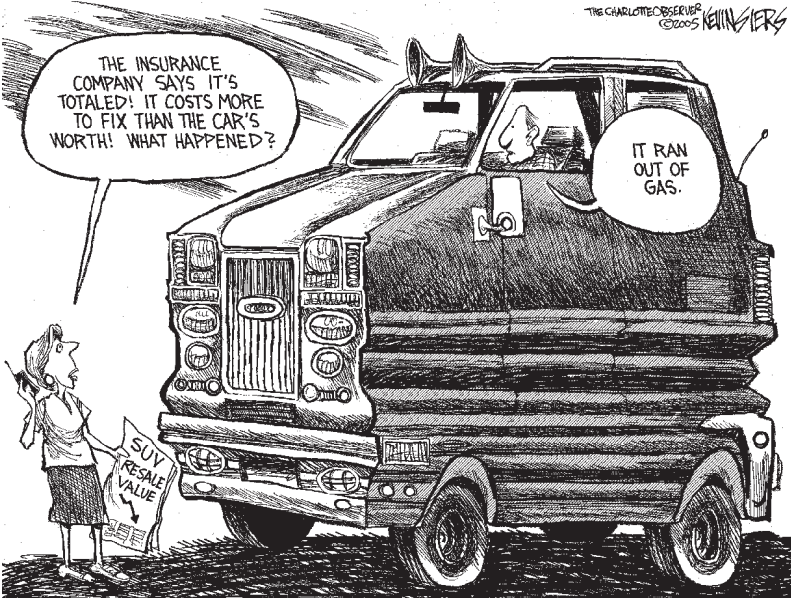
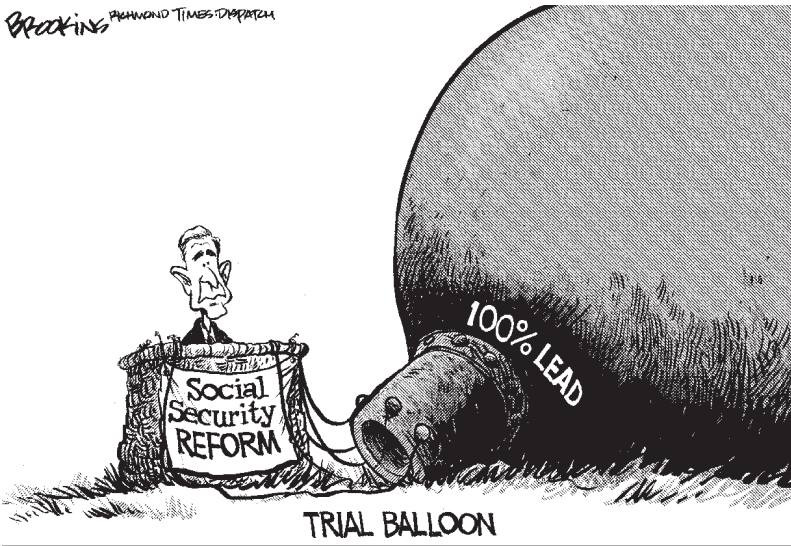
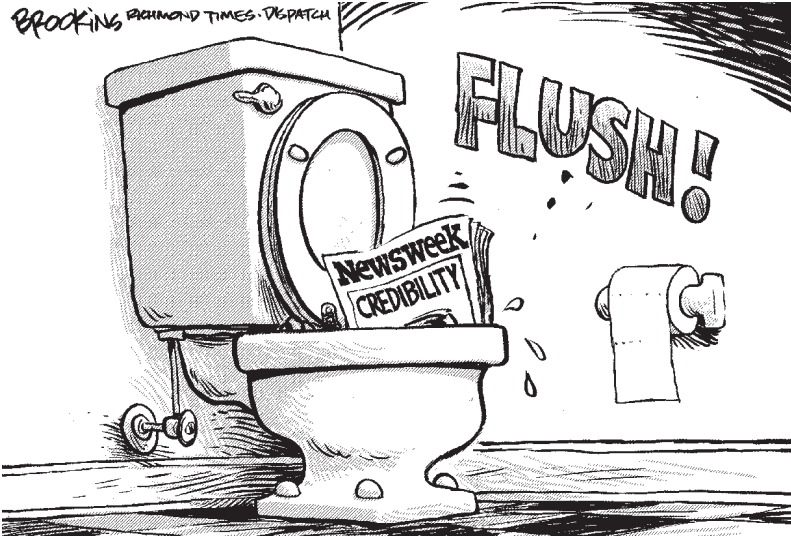
Consider that a smoker's lungs begin to heal almost immediately after the smoking stops. Even bodies that are severely drug-abused frequently recover after the poison is siphoned off by the extraordinary garbage disposal system that continually cleanses our inner workings.

Maybe its time we step back and say thanks to this old tent, this old house, whatever you want to call it, that has hauled us around for so many years, giving us an address from which to conduct life and get our mail — the wonderful sights, sounds and experiences that are part of our existence.

I wish, sometimes, that I could somehow get through to young people who hate their bodies and the way they look, and treat themselves accordingly. I wish I could transmit the idea that they should value it more highly than to damage it with drugs, alcohol, and other artificial forms of feeling good. They shouldn't starve it to make it look ways it was never intended to look, or poke ugly holes in it with pieces of metal or draw permanent pictures with ink and needles in their skin which they will regret someday, especially if they fall in love with someone whose name is different from the one emblazoned on their buttock, intertwined with hearts, snakes and flowers.

For us who are older, supposedly wiser, maybe we ought to appreciate our bodies more. Take them out for a good airing every now and again with some activity in the sunshine, or give them a little higher grade of fuel. Water ourselves a little more often with plain water instead of something containing sugar and caffeine. Deaden our bodies a little less often and pamper them a little more.

The choice is ours, but the truth remains that we only get one and it's the one we've got.



Ticks

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attach to any part of the body.

- Stay on trails, avoiding areas of overgrown brush and tall grasses.
- Wear light-colored clothes so that

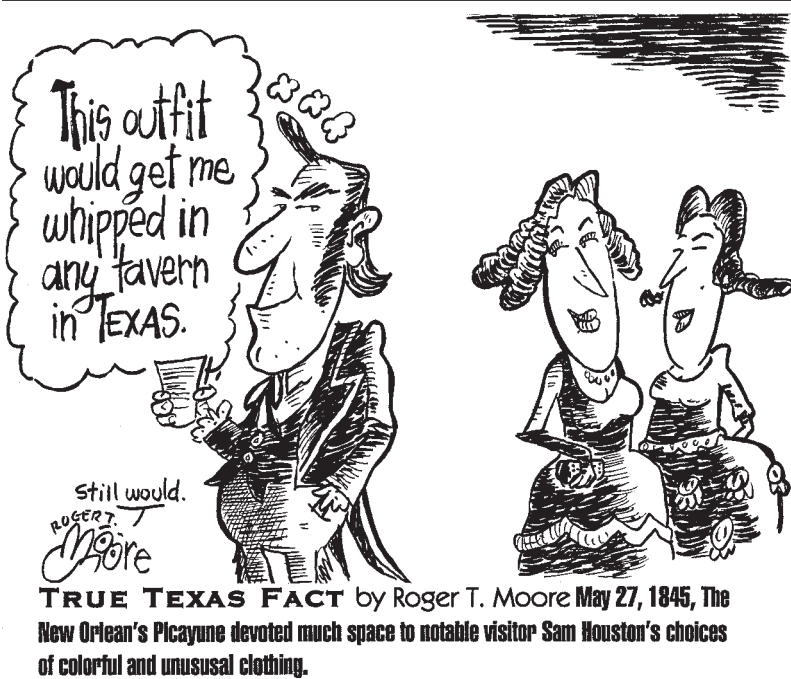
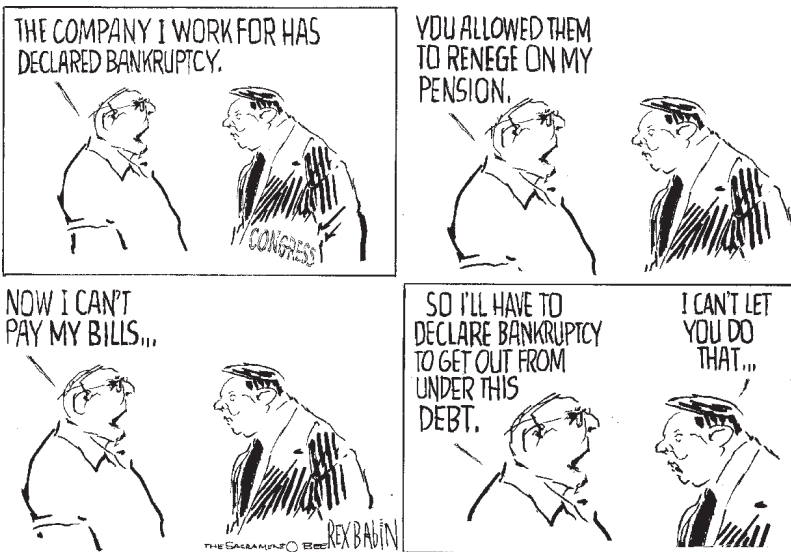
ticks are more easily spotted. Protect skin from ticks by wearing a hat, long-sleeved shirt and long pants tucked into boots or socks.


- Use insect repellent containing DEET applied to the skin or permethrin applied to clothing. Follow label directions.
- Check pets frequently and remove ticks from them immediately.

To remove an attached tick, use fine-tipped tweezers to grasp the tick at the skin surface. If tweezers are not available, use a tissue or paper towel to protect your fingers from possible exposure to the tick's body fluids. With a steady motion, gently pull the tick straight out. Do not twist, jerk or crush the tick's body. After removal, clean site and hands with soap and water.

Only ticks that were attached to humans may be submitted to DSHS for identification and testing. They should be put in a small container or vial with a leak-proof lid. Ticks may be submitted live or preserved in 70 percent ethyl or isopropyl alcohol. Never mail ticks loose in an envelope. A tick submission form should be completed for each tick.

A copy of the tick submission form can be found online at: <http://www.tdh.state.tx.us/zoonosis/forms>. Place the tick container in a padded envelope or mailing tube and mail to: Texas Department of State Health Services, Health Service Region 7, ATTN: Zoonosis Control, 2408 S. 37th St., Temple, TX 76504. There is no testing charge.





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Clint High grad to tour Europe with musical group

Jon Ray Martinez has been selected to perform with a national performing organization known as “The Sound of America Honor Band and Chorus”. He will join other select student musicians chosen from applicants representing nearly every state when Sound of America begins its 2005 European Concert Tour next July.

All student performers will meet

on the campus of Elizabethtown College, Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania on July 1st. After four days of intensive rehearsal and orientation, the group will depart via jet from John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York for Frankfurt, Germany. The group is scheduled to present ten performances in some of Europe’s finest concert halls and major cathedrals

during its 25-day concert tour.

The students will experience the cultures of six countries: Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Italy, France, and Luxembourg. Some of the stops include Paris, Venice, Strasbourg, Innsbruck, Stresa, Verona, Rothenburg, Grindelwald, Cortina, La Chaux-de-Fonds and Disneyland Paris.

Martinez graduated from Clint

High School in 2005. He is the son of Ramon and Mary Alice Martinez. He participated in the all region High School Choir from 2001-2005. He was area choir qualifier, all state Texas alternate, division I at UIL Regional Solo and Ensemble.

He was also accepted to the National Honor Society in 2005. He plays guitar, enjoys off-roading and paint-ball. He was awarded a schol-

arship from the University of Texas at El Paso Music Department where he will attend school.

Selection into The Sound of America membership is a distinguished honor for all participants. All applicants are carefully screened and chosen only after rigid character and musical evaluations. Martinez is being sponsored by FAR Management.



Reyes Reports By U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes

New opportunities for El Paso

As a community, we have been working to combat allegations that El Paso is plagued by a “brain drain,” and the recent announcement by Aerospace Missions Corporation will do much to put those claims to rest.

Aerospace Missions Corporation has named El Paso as the location for its new research and development center, which will create 150 high-paying engineering jobs and inject approximately \$35 million annually into our local economy. Aerospace Missions Corporation will develop sensors for unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), which have played a vital role in the global war on terror and in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. UAVs are self-piloted aircraft that carry cameras, sensors or communications equipment that are used for reconnaissance, intelligence-gathering and even combat missions.

Rick Morgan, the President and CEO of Aerospace Missions Corporation, and I have been working together for the past few years to make last week’s announcement a reality. As I serve on the House Armed Services Committee and the Intelligence Committee, I have been involved with the development of UAVs and know the importance of the intelligence they provide.

Recognizing that the technology of the sensors the UAVs carry was not keeping up with the technology of the UAVs themselves, Rick approached me with a possible solution. UAVs are getting smaller and smaller - some are even as small as paper airplanes - but the sensors they carry have remained the same size. It doesn’t matter how small a UAV is if it can’t carry sensors or surveillance equipment. The sensors allow UAVs to see and hear in a location where it is impossible or unsafe to send a soldier.

Rick proposed to miniaturize sensors for UAVs. Acknowledging that

this forward-thinking change will protect our soldiers in the field, provide vital intelligence and protect our national security, I helped to secure \$1 million in federal funding in last year’s defense spending bill for Aerospace Missions Corporation’s work and have included another \$6 million in this year’s defense authorization bill.

I applaud Rick Morgan’s choice to base his company in El Paso . This will be a huge boost to our community as Aerospace Missions Corporation will not only provide jobs, but well-paying, high-tech aerospace jobs. These are just the kinds of jobs El Paso needs right now.

This will be a mutually beneficial relationship for both Aerospace Missions Corporation and the El Paso community. With our quality of life, low cost of living and familiarity with the military and defense industries, we are the perfect fit for such a company. With our need for quality jobs, Aerospace Missions Corporation is the perfect for us as well.

The American family

I believe in the American family. Families are the core of our culture. They foster the very virtues on which our country was formed and allow our democracy to thrive. It is within families, not the government, that a successful society is born.

With America’s future in mind, we must always be aware of the state of our children. A Rotarian once

level. To the parents who already work to protect the rights of the family, I salute you.

For far too long we have been told it “takes a village” to raise a child. While there certainly is truth to that, I say it actually takes a family. It takes the inherent nature of parents who want to provide for their children to indeed make a difference and enhance the future.

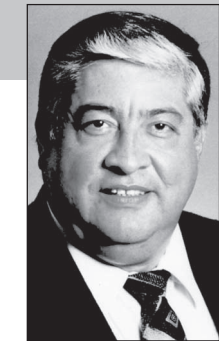
As generations have done throughout the ages, parents work to provide the very best of everything for their children. They want to ensure their children have more opportunities, better education, superior healthcare, greater comforts, and firm protections from harm. These goals can only be accomplished with active involvement.

When we take a good, close look at what really makes America great and our society successful, we quickly see it isn’t government programs, red tape, or bureaucracy. Instead, it’s the people, the values on which we rest, the beliefs we share, and the dreams we pursue. This country is great because of the good people in it for they share the ideals that can be easily rolled into what I call the American family.



Eye on D.C.

By U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla



Por la Gente By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

Private schools vouchers defeated

Hola, mi gente — this is your friend and public servant speaking to you once again about an issue that is of the utmost importance to all of us — especially those of us who care so deeply about our education system. This system must be improved so that our young people can receive a high-quality education that will help them on the road through life.

But private school vouchers are not the answer.

Keeping in mind that our schools need to become the harbingers for the future prowess of our young people, I recently joined a bipartisan coalition to fatally wound a proposal that would have created the state’s first program to use taxpayer dollars for private school vouchers.

This proposal, in its present form, would have drained millions of dollars from Texas public schools, a move that we simply can’t afford. As it is, we’re working to find the correct formula to fund our public schools. But authorizing vouchers so that some students, who don’t like public schools, can attend private schools isn’t going to work.

The way I see it, some of your political leaders in Austin actually want to deregulate public schools and

privatize public education. Representative Kent Grusendorf from Arlington, Texas, revealed during the debate of Senate Bill 422 that his true goal and the real agenda of his pro-voucher allies was to completely change our educational system.

But we didn’t allow that to happen, not without a fight. Together with my courageous colleagues, who went against the wishes of major power brokers, we stood up and demanded that the state do right by every Texas child. Once again, we are being challenged, and being forced a voucher system that will not benefit the vast majority of Texas students.

Yes, we all know and understand that our state faces a public school finance crisis; because the courts have already ruled that all Texas schools are seriously underfunded. We have a mandate from the courts to fix the problem by October, 2005. However, we all feel that SB 422 is not the answer.

On the contrary, it would take money which our schools desperately need to place it in an untested scheme. My contention is that we must work to develop a public school finance plan that fully and equitably funds our public schools, while providing real tax relief for Texas families.

Vouchers are not the answer. It would only reward those few stu-

dents and fund private schools with our tax payer money. The voucher system would not impact in a positive way those students who may come from families who are suffering from low-wage realities. We must commit additional money to our public education system so that all children, rather than just a select few, benefit from our educational system.

Public school vouchers would not solve the school finance crisis we are facing. On the contrary, it would exacerbate the problems. We can’t afford to give away our money to private schools in urban areas. This will not help our children in urban areas, small cities or in the rural areas of Texas.

Parents, teachers, superintendents and school board members in the district that I represent, and in other districts as well, have told me time and again that the highest priority of our state government is the responsibility to give every child a quality education. As your State Representative, I believe that it is my solemn duty to give each and every child in Texas the chance to obtain a great public education and defend our tax payers interests.

That’s why I joined the coalition to defeat SB 422 and we are elated to have accomplished our mission. This is your friend and public servant, Chente for la Gente.

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‘Girl Scouts in Public Housing’ program receives national recognition

By Laura Villarreal
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY — An innovative partnership between Girl Scouts of the Rio Grande and the Housing Authority of the City of El Paso (HACEP) caught the attention of the National Association of Housing and Residential Officers (NAHRO), who selected the local council’s “Girl Scouts in Public Housing” program as the top community program in the nation early in May. More than 300 programs were submitted for consideration for this national honor.

Now in its second year, the Girl Scouts in Public Housing program began as an effort to provide girls in local public housing communities with opportunities to benefit from the myriad of program options available through Girl Scouts. Funded through grants provided by Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA), and supplemented by other funding sources including the Tenet Foundation and United Way, this unique program has grown to include 12 of El Paso’s 47 public housing com-

munities, with more than 200 girls having participated in the program since its inception in January of 2004.

“Our organization is about providing opportunities for growth and exposure to what the world has to offer every girl in our community,” stated Sandy Tyler, Chief Executive Officer for Girl Scouts of the Rio Grande. “Equally important, however, is that we work to help communities embrace these programs so that they can continue to benefit from them year after year, and that is what makes this effort so special. We are working to empower the adults in these communities to continue the great work that has been started, and the Housing Authority of El Paso as well as individual Housing Community Councils have been incredible in their support of these efforts.”

Among the programs in which girls have participated this year are the council’s Girls Go Tech program which takes laptop computers out to the communities for girls to learn about desktop publishing, network operations and internet safety, among other things. One of

the unique twists to this program is to explore their own communities through Intel microscopes connected to the laptops. Other events included a conservation program offered by the El Paso Zoo’s Traveling Safari, as well as programs on health and nutrition, science projects such as rocket design and a very moving flag retirement ceremony in which more than 50 girls participated and which was offered in partnership with the El Paso Chapter of the National Flag Foundation.

The program focus for this year is Arts and Literature. Among the activities planned for girls in this program is a week-long Literacy through Art camp being offered in partnership with YISD and La Galeria de la Mision du Senecu. “This program has been a true community partnership effort,” added Tyler. “Everyone we have approached about helping us make a long-term impact by providing resources has stepped up to the plate, and that is critical to making these types of efforts successful. After all, we’re doing this for the girls... for the future leaders of our communities.”

Elementary career choices



— Photo courtesy Canutillo ISD

EXPERT ADVICE — Boeing Test Engineer Albert De Santos talks to Bill Childress Elementary School students during the campus Career Fair held recently. These students were better acquainted with their options after representatives from about 20 agencies and companies talked about career opportunities in various fields. “We really enjoy volunteering for these types of events in the schools. Everyone is very friendly. Students show a lot of enthusiasm and ask many interesting questions,” De Santos said. Childress Elementary is in the Canutillo ISD.

— Contributed by Alfredo Vasquez

Briefs

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Jails accredited

El Paso County Sheriff Leo Samaniego instructed his staff in January 2001 to collect information on the Commission on Accreditation for Corrections (CAC). This was the first stage of a five-year plan to prepare for the American Correctional Association (ACA) accreditation program. Sheriff Samaniego set a goal for the El Paso County Sheriff’s Office to be the “First Accredited County Jail in Texas.” The staff of both facilities began the arduous task of preparing the Downtown Detention and Jail Annex to be ACA compliant by the winter of 2004. The El Paso County Sheriff’s Office accomplished that goal on April 24, 2005. The award was presented in Boston, Massachusetts. The Commission on Accreditation estimates in the United States there is approximately 3,200 jails. The number of jails meeting ACA accreditation standards by June 2005 is 124. “When I took office more than 20 years ago jailing inmates was a nightmare in this county. With training, hard work and dedication, the men and women of the El Paso County Sheriff’s Office have erased this nightmare. This award is for the citizens of El Paso County who expect nothing less than the best. I am happy for our employees and our citizens,” said Sheriff Leo Samaniego, El Paso County, Texas.

In other news

■ The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has awarded El Paso community health centers over \$425,000 in federal funding to

expand medical capacity and mental health services.

- \$278,259 to Centro de Salud Familiar la Fe to expand their medical capacity; and
- \$150,000 to Centro San Vicente to expand mental health services. “La Fe and Centro San Vicente have a long history of providing quality, affordable health care to border residents,” said Congressman Silvestre Reyes, D-El Paso. “This federal funding will help them expand their current services and provide even more families with the health care they need and deserve.”

■ The Texas Historical Commission (THC) awards grants for preservation projects from the Texas Preservation Trust Fund (TPTF). Created by the Texas Legislature in 1989, the TPTF is an interest-earning pool of public and private monies. The earned interest and designated gifts are distributed yearly as matching grants to public and private owners of eligible historic properties and archeological sites. Projects eligible for grant assistance include: archeological sites, commercial buildings, public buildings (schools, city halls, libraries and museums), and unique historic structures. Funds are also available for training individuals and organizations about historic resources and preservation techniques. The grant application deadline is July 29, 2005. Visit www.thc.state.tx.us for more information or call (512) 463-6094.

■ The Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation has adopted the 2005 edition of the National Electrical Code (NEC) as the state’s basic electrical requirement, effective July 1, 2005. The new code supercedes the 2002 edition of the NEC, which was adopted by the Commission in January 2004. The older version of the code has served as the state’s electrical code since September 1,

2004. Prior to September 1, 2004, Texas did not have a statewide electrical code. Cities and regional authorities were authorized to adopt and enforce local electrical codes, but many areas of rural Texas had no basic requirements. House Bill 1487, a law passed by the 78th Texas Legislature that created the Electrical Safety Program and a state electrical license, also authorized the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation to adopt the NEC as the statewide electrical code, and to adopt the revised version of the code as it is updated every three years. To receive news and updates on the Electrical Safety Program, or any of the programs TDLR administers, sign up for TDLR’s email subscription service at: <http://www.license.state.tx.us/newsletters/TDLRnotificationLists.asp>.

■ Navy Airman Jose O. Ortega, son of Angelina Alanis of El Paso, Texas, recently deployed to the European Central Command maritime area of responsibility in support of The Global War on Terrorism, while assigned to the amphibious assault ship USS Saipan, homeported in Norfolk, Va. Ortega and his shipmates will work with allies to detect, disrupt, and deny international terrorist organizations the use of the maritime environment. They will also work to build regional security and long-term stability. Amphibious assault ships like USS Saipan deploy throughout the world to maintain U.S. presence and provide rapid response in times of crisis. They serve as a highly visible deterrent to would-be aggressors, and are equipped with the most versatile and powerful weapons available. Ortega is a 2003 graduate of Socorro High School of El Paso, Texas and joined the Navy in February 2004. For more information about the USS Saipan and high-resolution photographs, visit their

official Web site at <http://www.saipan.navy.mil>.

■ Disadvantaged students at UTEP will benefit from over \$105,000 in federal funds for scholarships. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HSS) has awarded \$105,760 to provide scholarships to UTEP students in the following programs:

- \$53,970 for a Medical Laboratory Technology Bachelors Degree;
- \$25,895 for a Speech Pathology Graduate Degree in the College of Health Sciences; and
- \$25,895 for a Nursing Bachelors Degree in the College of Health Sciences.

“These scholarships will help open the door to opportunity for those who otherwise might not be able to pursue higher education,” said Congressman Silvestre Reyes, D-El Paso “This federal partnership not only empowers students to reach their educational goals, but helps address the long-term health needs of the border region.”

■ The public is invited to attend one of these free seminars to learn all about the program and procedures for weight loss surgery offered at Del Sol Bariatric Center:

- Sat., June 11, 2005 - 10 a.m. at Las Palmas LifeCare Center, 3333 N. Mesa; or
- Thursday, Jan.16, 2005 - 6 p.m. at Del Sol Medical Center, 10301 Gateway West.

For more information, call 915-594-5250.

■ Mark your calendars now to attend the Texas Historical Commission’s (THC) Texas in World War II commemorative event on Friday, Sept. 2 on the South Lawn of the State Capitol in Austin. The event will take place at 9 a.m. with county historical commissions across Texas hosting simultaneous ceremonies. The

Texas in World War II celebration was created to honor the 60th anniversary of the signing of the documents that ended World War II and honor Texans involved in the war effort both at home and on foreign soil. Activities include a military band performance, historical marker unveilings, memorial wreath placement, launch of the new THC brochure about Texas in World War II, a performance by the Capitol City Highlanders and a fly-over performed by the Texas Commemorative Air Force. Guest speakers will include veterans, government officials, THC staff and other dignitaries. The event is free and open to the public. Visit www.thc.state.tx.us for more information.

■ The U.S. Department of Defense has awarded UTEP federal funding for the following proposals, which enhance programs and capabilities in scientific disciplines critical to national security and the Department of Defense:

- \$500,000 for the In-Situ Modeling of Concurrent Physical and Cognitive Workload Among Soldiers in the U.S. Army;
- \$433,248 for the Just-Enough-Smart Sensing (JESSE) System for Surveillance and Target Acquisition; and
- \$166,377 for the Development of Optical Spectroscopic Laboratory: Impact on Education and Research Toward Nanotechnology.

“These federal awards underscore the forward-thinking research taking place at UTEP,” Congressman Silvestre Reyes, D-El Paso. “I applaud DoD for recognizing not only the caliber of work at UTEP, but also the importance this research plays in our national security.” These grants are the final phase of the 2005 DoD Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Minority Institutions Infrastructure Support Program.

Front-line workers blend medication, education to fight TB

By Emily Palmer
Special to the Courier

When Dana Schoepf heads out of her Temple office, mask and medicine in hand, she may be making a house call to a patient in a hospital down the street, at home on the edge of town or living in a shack in another county 50 miles away. Her war is with tuberculosis. Her arsenal combines weapons for treatment and prevention.

“TB is a high priority because it is a communicable disease,” said Schoepf, a nurse who is a regional tuberculosis elimination program manager for the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS). “We have to look at the patient as a whole.”

Schoepf says that when she and other public health nurses are notified of a TB diagnosis, they review the patient’s chest X-ray, look over other tests to pinpoint additional health problems, work with the attending physician on medications and supervise the individual treatment.

One of the most successful TB interventions currently is directly observed therapy, or DOT, in which a patient is given medications daily while a health care worker watches.

“It’s a complex process,” Schoepf said of making sure that patients get consistent treatment. “We want to initiate treatment promptly, ensure that patients complete the therapy and prevent the development of drug-resistant TB.”

For a public health nurse, that means seeing a patient who may be

many miles away once a day, every day, for months. Schoepf’s health services region, one of eight across Texas, includes 30 counties, 23 of which are rural.

“We try to focus on education as well as treatment,” Schoepf said. “Patients often need nutritional counseling as well as education about TB disease and how to prevent transmission.” Patients also may have problems with alcohol or drug abuse. They may be HIV positive or have AIDS. They may not understand English well. They may be isolated and under stress.

“Tuberculosis still carries a stigma,” Schoepf said. “Many patients with a TB diagnosis think they will die from TB. And some do.” Others, she notes, are ashamed or afraid. “They feel sick. They could lose their job.”

Tracking the public and personal history of patients is critical to tuberculosis case management. “We need to know the close contacts of TB patients so we can test them for tuberculosis and get them into treatment if necessary,” she said. “The information we gather is confidential, but patients still may not want to give out names of persons they may have exposed to TB.”

All of which makes containment of tuberculosis a hard job.

“Tuberculosis continues to be a major public health problem in Texas,” said Charles Wallace, chief of the DSHS Infectious Disease Intervention and Control Branch in Austin. “We had seen a slight de-

crease in TB cases over the past several years until last year where there was a 5.6 percent increase in the number of cases – from 1,595 in 2003 to 1,683 in 2004.”

Every day in Texas, on average, four to five people will be diagnosed with tuberculosis. And every week, two children under the age of 10 are diagnosed with TB disease. One person with untreated active tuberculosis typically will infect as many as 15 people every year.

TB is spread through the air from one person to another. The bacteria are put into the air when a person with TB disease of the lungs or throat coughs or sneezes. People nearby may breathe in these bacteria and become infected.

“We are still facing a pool of tu-

berculosis-infected people in Texas who are at risk of developing full-blown TB,” Wallace said. “Tuberculosis is definitely an equal-opportunity disease with no respect for race or ethnicity, gender or age.”

While anyone can become infected, people with certain risk factors may be more likely to get TB. The most common risk factors for Texas are:

- Foreign birth, 45 percent of TB cases;
- Low-income, 43 percent;
- Alcohol abuse, 20 percent;
- Diabetes, 14 percent;
- Incarceration, 12 percent; and
- HIV/AIDS, 10 percent.

The highest rates of TB in the state are along the Texas-Mexico border and in large urban areas. More than

half of the TB cases in Texas are in Austin, Dallas, El Paso, Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio.

“Tuberculosis continues to be one of the deadliest diseases in the world,” Wallace said. Nearly one-third of the earth’s population — more than 2 billion people — are infected with the TB bacteria, and 2 million people worldwide die each year from tuberculosis.

“Our workers on the front lines, whether in downtown Houston or in a rural Texas county, are the ones making the difference each day,” Wallace said.

For Schoepf, it is about results for the patient. “We want to assure that the patient gets the correct treatment, keeps taking it, becomes non-infectious and is cured.”

Horizon High School Library dedicates Freedom Shrine

By Laura Cade
Special to the Courier

HORIZON — The Exchange Club of El Paso dedicated a Freedom Shrine at Horizon High School Library on May 20. The event was sponsored by the HHS JROTC and the Exchange Club.

The Freedom Shrine is a collection of original historic American documents reproduced and displayed throughout the United States to remind all citizens of the courage, dedication and sacrifice of their forefathers.

The display includes the Bill of Rights, Mayflower Compact, the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution.

Developed by the national Exchange Club, the Freedom Shrine originated from the Freedom Train which toured the nation in 1947, carrying an exhibit of historic documents. The Exchange club hopes to help young people learn how important it is to make certain that our precious freedom is preserved.

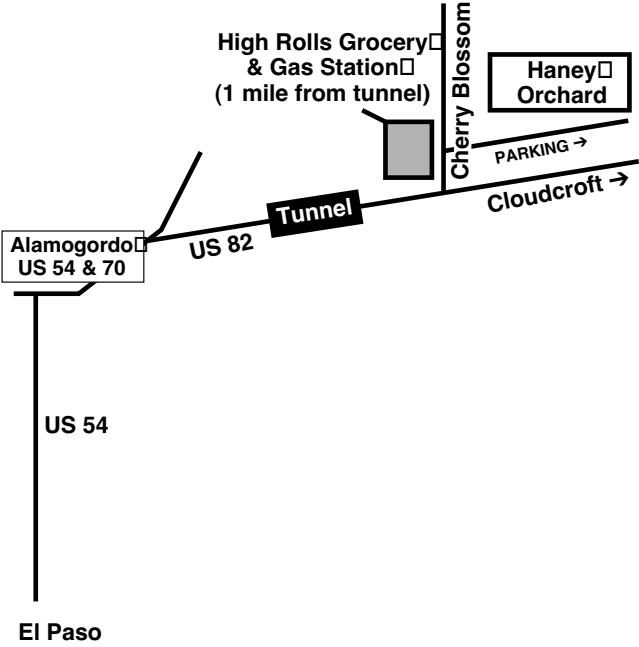
There are almost 11,000 Freedom shrines in schools, military installations and government buildings since the programs inception in 1949. There are currently four Freedom Shrines in El Paso.

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Opening Day
June 15
8^{AM} to Dusk



Old fashioned sportsmanship broke out in Spurs-Suns series

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

With the NBA championship series opening this week, the Western Conference Finals between the San Antonio Spurs and the Phoenix Suns are now a distant memory.

And that’s a shame.
Not because it was one of the best playoff series of all time. In fact, with the Spurs winning in just five games, it was far from exciting or suspenseful.

No, the reason it’s a shame the series is now a distant memory is because the images I remember most about it will quickly fade from the nation’s collective consciousness.

And the images have nothing to do with Tim Duncan’s banks off the glass, or Manu Ginobili’s fearless drives to the basket, or Robert Horry’s three point bombs, or Amare Stoudemire’s thunderous dunks or even Steve Nash’s thread-the-needle no-look passes.

The images have less to do with physical prowess and more to do with a mature attitude.

The words “respect” and “honor” and “de-

cency” and “integrity” are getting harder to find in the sport sections of American newspapers with each passing day.

But the personification of these very words were abundantly evident throughout the series between the Spurs and Suns.

Missing from this series were the childish arguments with referees, players opting not to play because of disagreements with coaches, finger-pointing, self promotion, fighting, in-your-face disrespect to opponents or teammates, flagrant fouls, technical fouls and running with media or fans.

This behavior was quite unusual for the league whose initials might as well stand for “Nitwit Bickering Adolescents.”

After the hard-fought series, players from both sides hugged and looked into each other’s eyes, congratulating one another on their efforts.

The Suns players wished the Spurs players luck in the next round while Spurs players consoled the disappointed Phoenix players.

And these weren’t hugs for the cameras. There was a sincere aura of mutual respect and admiration between the two classy organizations.

In an NBA season that will always be de-

fined by that ugly brawl between the Detroit Pistons, the Indians Pacers, and the Auburn Hills fans, it was quite satisfying to see two professional teams acting like adults.

Grown men acting like adults — what a concept.

Of course all of that went out the window the next night when I had to sit and watch Rasheed Wallace of the Detroit Pistons go through his juvenile antics.

But we have to remember that there are still decent men who play games for a living and always keep that in perspective.

Though the world of pro sports is dominated by the likes of Terrell Owens and Latrell Sprewell and John Rocker and Mike Tyson and Kobe Bryant and Bill Romanowski and Pedro Martinez and Barry Bonds and Ron Artest and Randy Moss and Don King — I’ll never forget what it was like on that one evening when I could finally look to my son and say, “that’s the way real men are supposed to act.”

Say it aint so Joe

The unthinkable is beginning to catch a little play on talk radio programs all over the country.

Something considered ridiculous a few months ago can be heard in whispers around club houses all over the nation.

Is the “boss” actually pondering whether or not to fire Joe Torre as manager of the New York Yankees?

The topic has come up this season because the Yankees are playing like very average players. The real bad news is that they’re playing like very average players who make over \$200-million.

The real problem with the Yankees lies with general manager Brian Cashman, who has filled the roster with a superstar at almost ev-

ery position.
There’s no doubt he can spend George Steinbrenner’s money, but has he spent it wisely?

You can’t win consistently with a star at every spot, you need team chemistry.

Everybody star wants to be the hero. A real team has role players who do what they do very well like bunting a runner over to second base or executing a hit and run or hitting a grounder to the right side of the infield to advance a runner to third or stealing that crucial base.

When’s the last time you saw Gary Sheffield or Jason Giambi or Alex Rodriguez bunt a runner to second base? When’s the last time you saw them bunt?


Joe Torre is one of the classiest men in the game of baseball. He also happens to be one of the most successful. In fact, he had his most success when the Yankees used a lot of their home-grown talent and little-known role players.

In 1998, Derek Jeter, Bernie Williams, Chuck Knoblauch, Scott Brosius, Paul O’Neill, Joe Giardi, Chad Curtis, Jorge Posada, Mariano Rivera and Tino Martinez led the Yankees to their best season ever, 114 wins and another World Series championship.

One of four Torre has won in New York.
The leading home run hitter in 1998 was Martinez with only 28. In fact, the whole team hit 207. Last year’s Yanks, who didn’t even get to the World Series, had three players hit over 30 homers and the team hit 242.

Don’t blame Joe Torre. He’s still doing the same thing he did last year and the year before and the year before that. He just doesn’t have the right mix of superstars and role players.

You want to blame someone big Stein, blame the guys that put this team together, Brian Cashman and yourself.

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El Paso Collaborative for Community & Economic Development

Invitation to Bid/Respond:

The El Paso Collaborative for Community & Economic Development is accepting bids for the construction of 12 new homes in San Elizario Texas starting Tuesday June 9, 2005 through Monday June 20, 2005 5:00 pm. Bid packets may be picked up at El Paso Collaborative 1359 Lomaland, Suite 517, El Paso, Texas 79935 M-F from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Packets include home designs, a site plan and specifications. The homes must be Star Energy and need to meet visitability guidelines. A recommended Pre-Bid Conference is

scheduled on Monday June 13th at 2:00 p.m. at 1359 Lomaland. For further information, contact Delia Ponce at the Collaborative (915) 629-6702. WTCC-06/09/05

Town of Anthony, Texas

Request for Proposal:

The Town of Anthony is currently accepting Request for Proposal (RFP) for Bank Depository. Below listed are Target Dates and Description of Events:

June 17, 2005
Receive proposals from interested banks at 3:00 p.m. at the Town of Anthony City Town Hall.

June 21, 2005
Town Council opens proposals.

July 12, 2005
Town Council awards contract.

August 1, 2005
New bank depository contract period begins.

RFP packets may be picked up at Town Hall, Town of Anthony, 401 Oak St., Anthony, Texas 79821. Phone: (915) 886-3944.

The Town of Anthony is an Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action Employer. WTCC-06/09/05

SOCORRO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Invitation to Bid/Respond:

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 2005

SPORTS TRAINING SUPPLIES
CSP NO. 199-0616-0625
ACCEPTED UNTIL 3 P.M.

READING RESOURCE MATERIALS
CSP NO.

199-0616-0631
ACCEPTED UNTIL 3:30 P.M.

Proposals will be received at Business Services Dept., 12300 Eastlake Drive, El Paso, Texas 79928 until the specified times. Detailed specifications are available from the above office between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and on the Socorro Independent School District's website: www.sisd.net. WTCC-06/09/05

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Invitation to Bid/Respond:

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 17, 2005

BAKERY PRODUCTS
CSP NO. 199-0617-0630
ACCEPTED UNTIL 10 A.M.

BEVERAGE AND SNACK PRODUCTS

CSP NO. 199-0617-0632
ACCEPTED UNTIL 10:30 A.M.

FULL LINE FOOD SERVICE ON-SITE DELIVERY PRODUCTS
CSP NO. 199-0617-0633
ACCEPTED UNTIL 11 A.M.

Proposals will be received at Business Services Dept., 12300 Eastlake Drive, El Paso, Texas 79928 until the specified times. Detailed specifications are available from the above office between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and on the Socorro Independent School District's website: www.sisd.net. WTCC-06/09/05

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HOUSE ON FIVE ACRES for sale near Fabens Farm Rd. 76. Call for more information, 746-2802. Se vende casa en cinco acres cercas de Fabens. Para mas informacion, llame, 764-2802. 6/2

SELF-HELP

Persons who have a problem with alcohol are offered a free source of help locally. Alcoholics Anonymous - call 562-4081 for infor-

mation.

Tiene problemas con el alcohol? Hay una solución. Informacion: 838-6264.

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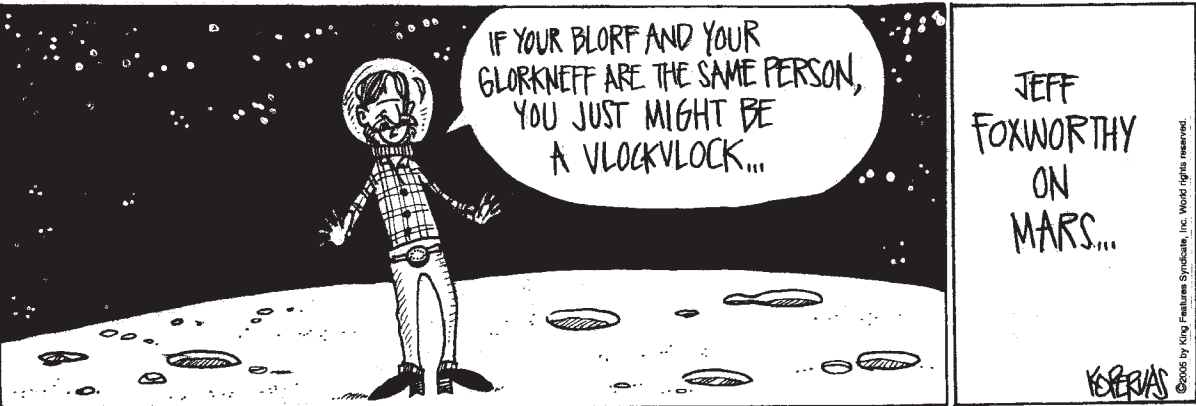
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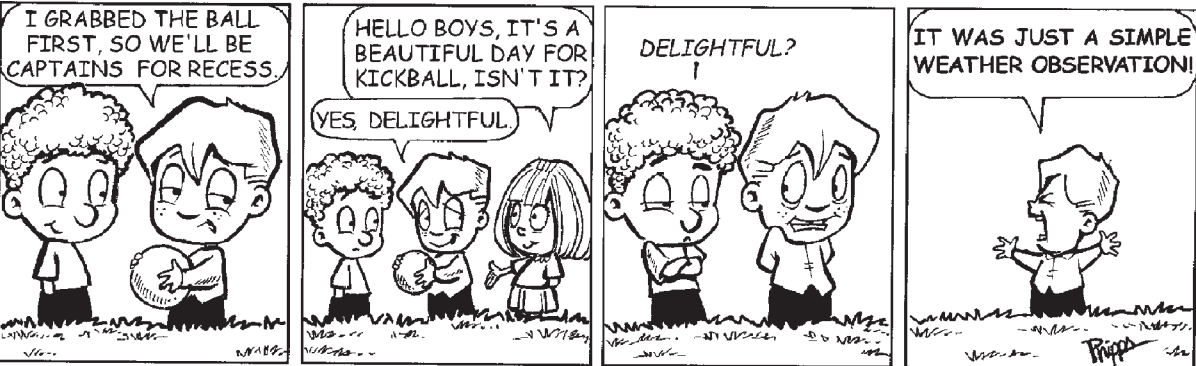


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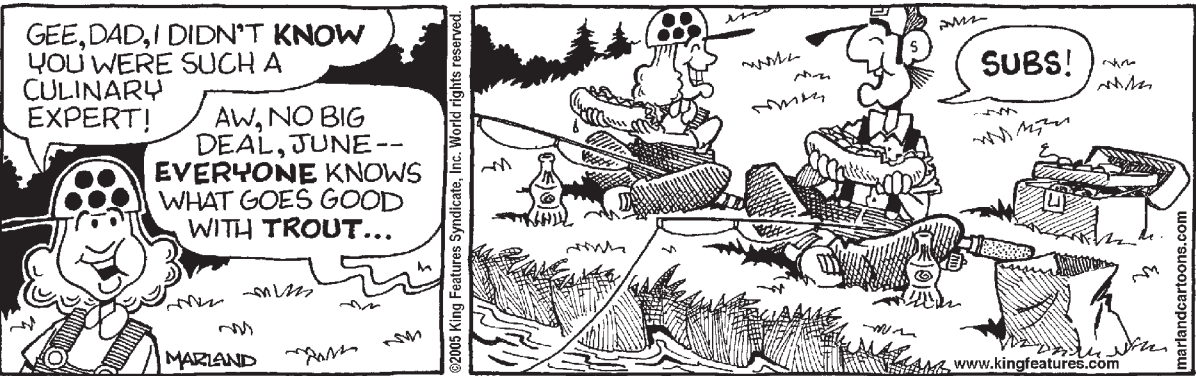
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THE SPATS By Jeff Pickering



R.F.D. By Mike Marland



Read this — it'll be a win-win situation

By Don Flood

As a result of some *outside the box* thinking, I'm working from a new *paradigm* that I hope will bring more *core competency* to my humor columns.

It will be a *win-win* situation for everybody.

Stop! Don't turn the page!

That was just my "humorous" way of introducing this week's topic: When Buzzwords Go Bad, from a news release by Accountemps, a company that specializes in temporary financial staffing, plus humor material for columnists.

So don't worry, folks, from now on I'm staying in the box (which isn't bad as long as you poke enough air holes).

This may be hard for younger readers to believe, but I recall a time when we didn't have "win-win" situations. Everything was "win-lose." 'Dem were some hard times we lived through.

I didn't realize it at the time, but I may have witnessed the first use of the "win-win" cliché. It was at a school-board meeting in the early '80s.

A man giving a report came to the time when it was customary to say "It's a win-lose situation" — I mean, everybody in the room was expecting this — but instead he came out with what would become the biggest cliché of all time.

"It's a win-win situation," he said. People nearly exploded with delight.

Since that wonderful dawn, just about everything has become a win-win situation. If the president were to announce that we would be blown to smithereens by a rogue asteroid in 17 minutes, he'd find a way to describe it as a win-win

situation.

In fact, there's been an escalation. Recently, I saw a reference to a "win-win-win" situation. The "win-win-win-win" situation can't be far behind.

Here are other Buzz Words Gone Bad. Use at your own risk:

Generation X — As a journalist, this is embarrassing to admit: I don't know exactly what Generation X is. When I was boy, commercials spent a lot of time attacking Brand X, so I'm hoping it has no relation to Generation X.

(Note to younger readers: Brand X, which was finally eradicated during the Cold War, was a horrible product. It was terrible at preventing: body odor, bad breath, yellow teeth, yellow floors, ring-around-the-collar, dish-pan hands — you name it and Brand X couldn't do it.)

Accountability management — I'm not sure what this is either, but I don't like the sound of it. It would seem to indicate that I would be accountable, for example, if I were to write a lousy column.

Personally, I don't think it's fair to expect me to make you laugh.

I'm not responsible for your happiness! It's up to you to manage and be accountable for your own happiness.

So if you don't like this column, don't blame me. Blame your own bumbling attempts at accountability management.

You need to take an incremental approach to improving your core competencies. Once you get on the same page and understand the new paradigm, you'll be able to hit the ground running.

It will be a win-win situation.

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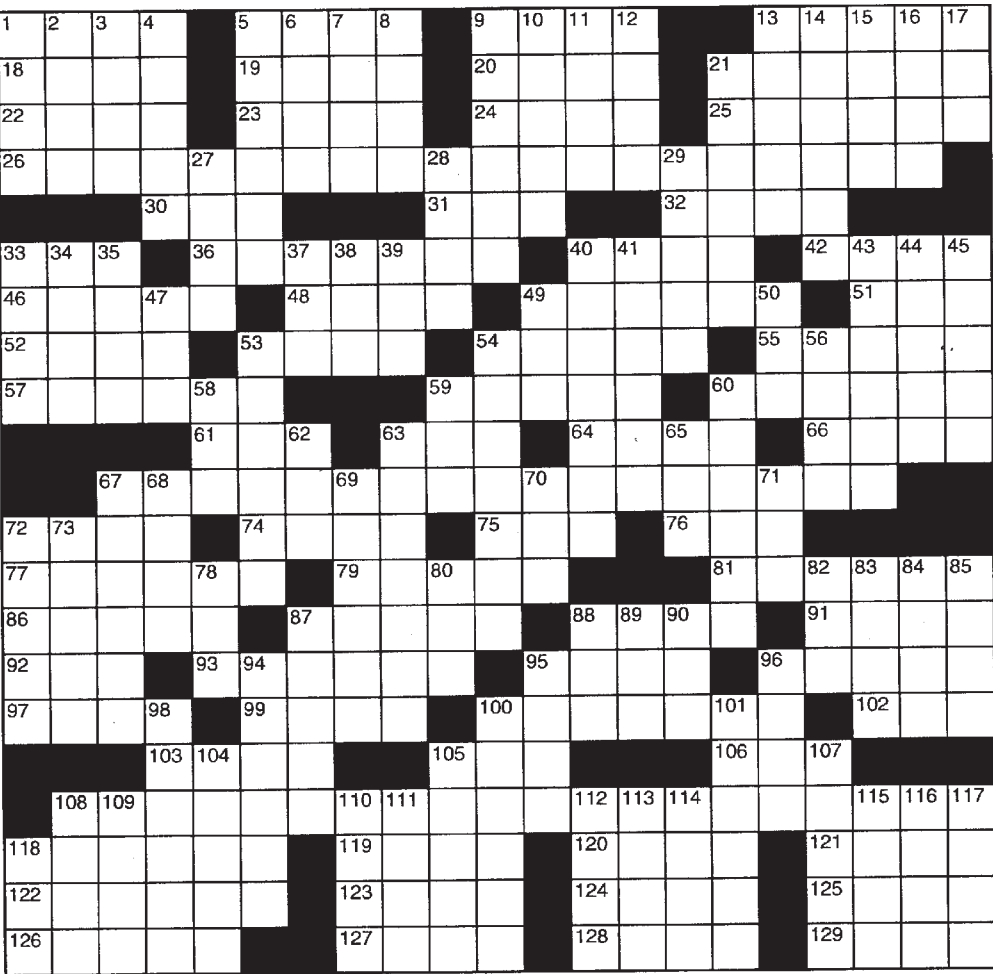
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ON A ROLL — Tammi Devenport, fifth grade teacher at Bill Sybert School; Barbara Candelaria, U.S. history teacher at Montwood High School; and Mary Mikaelian, counselor at O’Shea Keleher School ran in the San Diego Rock and Roll Marathon June 5 in honor of family and friends who have been inflicted with leukemia or lymphoma.

Three from East County run in San Diego to benefit cancer research

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EAST EL PASO COUNTY — Three Socorro ISD employees proudly represented the district and El Paso in the San Diego Rock and Roll Marathon June 5. Tammi Devenport, fifth grade teacher at Bill Sybert School, Barbara Candelaria, U.S. history teacher at Montwood High School and Mary Mikaelian, counselor at O’Shea Keleher School ran the 26.2-mile marathon in honor of family and friends who have been inflicted with leukemia or lymphoma.

In conjunction with Team in Training and The Leukemia/Lymphoma Society of New Mexico, Candelaria and Mikaelian raised \$3,400 each, of which 75 percent went directly to patient services. Last year, Devenport raised \$4,000 for the same cause. This year, she paid her own way to run while serving as a mentor to the first-time runners.

“In the last two years, five people in my school have been diagnosed with leukemia or lymphoma or had a relative diagnosed,” Devenport said. “It’s a really terrifyingly growing disease in our society.”

Candelaria also had a very personal reason for participating. Her father died of cancer and

fellow Montwood teacher, Bill Coffin, is suffering from leukemia and lymphoma.

“All my life I’ve wanted to run a marathon,” Candelaria said. “But more importantly, I want to help those who have cancer. I saw my dad die from cancer. To eradicate cancer is my dream, prayer and hope.”

Mikaelian initially decided to join the effort when Candelaria asked for her support.

“But when I went to the first meeting, I met a little girl who has leukemia,” Mikaelin said. “By the time her mom was through thanking everybody who had supported their family, I knew that I wanted to help also.”

So far, the organization Team in Training has raised \$100 million in all their triathlons, marathons and bicycle races.

“And it all started with one person whose daughter had leukemia,” Devenport said. “She knew she had to do something to make a difference.”

Candelaria and Mikaelian will be fundraising through the end of June. In addition, other runners will be fundraising for upcoming marathons in other cities. Anyone wanting to support Candelaria, Mikaelian, another runner or would be interested in becoming a runner, contact Ms. Chris Hanson of the The Leukemia/Lymphoma Society of West Texas/New Mexico at (505) 640-3644.

View from here By Michael Quinn Sullivan

Budget bloated by ‘good causes’ Time for Texas to try a true TABOR

When Texas legislators concluded their constitutionally mandated 140-day session, they left town with a \$139.4 billion biennial budget for the taxpayers to cover. That represents a 19 percent increase over the budget they passed just two years ago.

Did your disposable income rise 19 percent over the last two years? Not likely.

What are they spending money on? Lots of really good causes. Indeed, one can make a strong, convincing, even moral, argument for every single line of this new state budget. Indeed, one can make a strong case that each line should actually be higher.

And that is precisely the problem.

Two years ago lawmakers faced the proverbial noose-around-the-neck. They had a \$10 billion budget shortfall that had to be plugged, so they took on the difficult task of establishing spending priorities. Spending was actually reduced, in real dollars, because they had to fill the gap. Our national economy affected the state’s treasury which forced sound fiscal discipline.

Texans overwhelmingly approved of the decision to use fiscal restraint; over 60 percent in various opinion polls said lawmakers did the right thing by cutting spending.

That was then, this is now. The policy decisions that set fiscal priorities two years ago were in many cases abandoned at the sight of new cash flowing into the state coffers.

Much has been made of a lack of a school finance plan. In fact, the approved budget spends \$2.2 billion more on public education than in the past. We’re spending more on public education than ever before in Texas . But with no new accountability. No new reforms. Just more spending.

This new budget spends a total of \$34 billion on public education in a state with 22.5 million residents. Another \$20 billion goes to colleges and universities. Medicaid, CHIP and other health and human services get \$50 billion. Those three areas alone account for more than two-thirds of the state’s budget.

Every spending line-item is a top priority for lawmakers. Every single spending item has a

clamoring constituency that threatens political pain, or conversely offers electoral bliss. And so they get funded as long as times are good.

In a perverse way, our rejuvenated and thriving Texas economy is partially to blame for the Austin spending spree. It might make one sarcastically hope for more down times.

But there is a better way; a better way to compel the fiscal discipline that our elected leadership embraced when times were bad — even when the economy is good. That way is a taxpayer bill of rights — a TABOR.

A TABOR very simply forces government to live within its means. Politicians are allowed to spend only as much more as allowed for inflation plus population growth. That’s a reasonable measure — it accounts for people moving in and prices going up. If they want to spend more, the lawmakers simply need to ask for permission from the people.

By forcing the legislature, and indeed the public, to prioritize spending, a TABOR compels rational policy decisions based on measurable outcomes and not fairy tales. It forces the funding of true public priorities at the top of the line, ensures necessary services are provided, and everything else must wait its appropriate turn.

The beauty of a TABOR is found not only in the restraint on spending it creates, but on revenues. Under a TABOR, revenues — taxes — cannot increase beyond inflation plus population growth. Legislators can neither bring in nor expend more money without first making the case to the taxpayers.

When the legislature next convenes, amending the state’s constitution to include a strong TABOR should be the top priority.

The time has come to end the state’s spending disorder before it gets worse. The single best cure is a strong TABOR. Without it, Texans had better grow accustomed to an increasing level of fiscal heartburn.

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WEATHER

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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR EL PASO

THURSDAY	THUR. NIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Breezy with a good deal of sunshine.	Mainly clear and breezy.	Mostly sunny.	A good deal of sunshine.	Lots of sunshine.	Sunshine.	Sunshine.	Mostly sunny.
▲ 93°	▼ 68°	▲ 94° ▼ 66°	▲ 94° ▼ 68°	▲ 95° ▼ 69°	▲ 96° ▼ 72°	▲ 96° ▼ 73°	▲ 96° ▼ 71°

UV INDEX Statistics for noon.

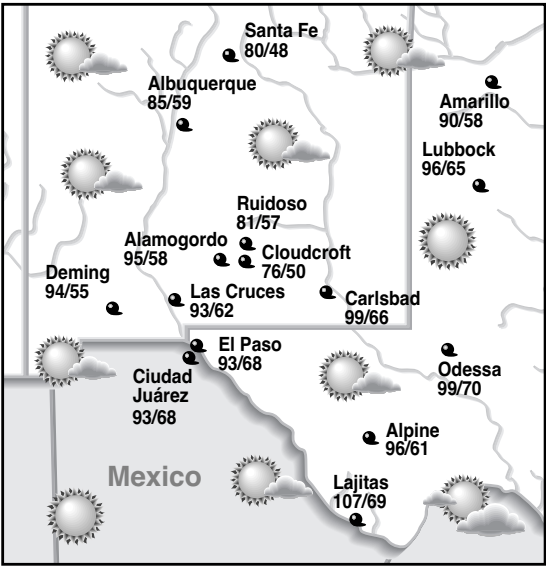
The higher the UV Index, the greater the need for eye and skin protection.

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

TEXAS WEATHER

Anthony	94	66
Canutillo	95	67
Clint	94	68
E. Montana	93	68
Fabens	94	68
Horizon	95	69
San Elizario	95	68
Socorro	95	68
Tornillo	94	68
Vinton	95	67

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



TRAVELERS CITIES

City	Thur. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W
Albuquerque	85/59/s	84/58/s	86/60/s	88/64/s	91/65/s
Atlanta	86/68/t	86/68/t	87/67/t	85/68/t	86/69/t
Atlantic City	80/59/pc	81/63/pc	81/65/pc	85/67/pc	82/64/sh
Austin/San Antonio	94/73/s	95/73/pc	93/73/pc	94/71/pc	94/76/pc
Baltimore	86/66/pc	86/66/pc	88/68/pc	88/68/pc	83/65/r
Boston	73/58/pc	83/62/pc	86/64/pc	79/62/pc	76/62/r
Chicago	86/66/t	86/64/t	84/64/t	82/62/t	80/60/pc
Dallas/Ft. Worth	92/74/s	91/73/pc	91/74/pc	92/73/t	93/77/pc
Denver	72/50/t	70/52/t	78/52/t	79/51/s	80/56/s
Flagstaff	71/36/s	74/38/s	78/41/s	82/46/s	85/48/s
Houston	93/74/pc	94/74/pc	94/74/pc	94/74/t	94/74/t
Kansas City	92/70/t	84/68/t	84/65/t	82/65/pc	83/64/c
Las Vegas	88/68/s	92/70/s	96/74/s	96/75/s	102/76/s
Miami	87/78/sh	87/78/sh	87/78/sh	87/76/sh	89/76/t
Minneapolis	80/64/t	79/58/t	79/59/t	76/61/t	79/58/r
New Orleans	88/75/t	89/76/t	90/76/t	91/77/t	91/77/pc
New York City	82/62/pc	84/66/pc	84/68/pc	86/69/pc	84/68/r
Philadelphia	86/64/pc	86/66/pc	88/68/pc	88/68/pc	86/68/r
Phoenix	98/75/s	99/77/s	103/79/s	105/81/s	107/79/s
Portland	70/54/pc	68/52/sh	70/52/sh	68/52/pc	75/52/pc
San Francisco	66/56/pc	72/56/s	72/54/s	71/54/pc	71/56/s
Seattle	68/52/pc	64/50/sh	64/50/sh	64/50/sh	67/48/sh
Tucson	96/66/s	96/68/s	96/70/s	97/70/s	104/72/s
Washington, DC	88/70/pc	88/68/pc	90/68/pc	89/70/pc	84/67/r

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

AGRICULTURE

Drying conditions will be excellent on Thursday, as there will be a good deal of sunshine along with breezy conditions. Winds will be out of the southwest at 10-20 mph. The dry weather will continue on Friday with a good deal of sunshine. More sunshine will occur on Saturday and Sunday.

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