

NEWSBRIEFS

Bite out of crime

The newest member of the Anthony Police Department is Rugby, a six-year-old mixed German Shepherd who comes to Anthony after retiring from the Customs Service where he was a narcotics dog. Police Chief Edward Miranda, who introduced Rugby to the Town Council, said they would be getting bullet-proof vests for the department's dogs. Rugby's handler is officer Eddie Orozco, a 10-veteran in law enforcement. Rugby joins a staff of 14 full-time officers, two reserve officers and one dispatcher. Miranda also said his department has added two new, eight-cylinder Dodge Chargers to better apprehend speeders on I-10. In a later interview, Miranda thanked the community for its support of the police. "For the most part it is a calm, quiet community; gang activity is minimal."

— Contributed by Don Woodyard

Tech lab winners

Canutillo Elementary School was one of five grand prize winner's in this year's Win a Wireless Lab sweepstakes. Held annually for five years, the contest is sponsored by CDW Government, Inc. (CDW-G) and Discovery Education. Each of the five grand prize winners receive a mobile wireless lab valued at approximately \$50,000, including:

- 20 notebook computers or Tablet PCs from HP, Lenovo or Toshiba;
- Three wireless access points from D-Link or NETGEAR;
- One Bretford mobile cart;
- Computrace security software;
- One video projector from Epson, Mitsubishi or NEC Solutions;
- One laser jet printer from Epson, HP or Lexmark;
- APC power supply; and
- One networked collection of Discovery School CD-ROMs.

CDW-G and Discovery Education will provide installation and professional development at all five schools this fall. In all, Win a Wireless Lab 2007 awarded prizes totaling about \$300,000 to 45 educators from 22 states.

"The lab will provide many opportunities for students to have technology available on demand," noted Gloria Guerrero, Canutillo Elementary School. "Our fourth-graders publish the school newspaper. They will be able to use these computers to research, take notes, format the newspaper and publish it."

Crime Stoppers

A single suspect appears to be responsible for three different aggravated robberies in El Paso, all on the same day; and Crime Stoppers is asking for your help in putting a stop to this one-man crime spree. On Saturday, July 7, at 8:00 a.m. the suspect accosted a woman in the 1300 block of

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A dollar may not go as far as it used to, but what it lacks in distance it makes up in speed.

— Quips & Quotes

Tornillo's Vranish nominated for Superintendent of the Year Award

By Rudy Barreda
Special to the Courier

TORNILLO — The Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) recently announced their list of superintendents nominated for the 2007 Superintendent of the Year. Tornillo ISD Superintendent Paul Vranish is the nominee for the ESC 19 regional area.

In April of this year, Vranish won the Communities in Schools Superintendent of the Year award, given by the Texas Education Agency. Vranish has been the superintendent of Tornillo ISD since July of 2002. "I'm extremely honored to receive this nomination," he said.

Candidates are chosen for their strong leadership skills, dedication to improving educational quality,



Paul Vranish

ability to build effective employee relations, student performance, and commitment to public involvement in education. Superintendents from any of Texas' 1,033 local school districts are eligible for nomination by their school boards. Local nominees are submitted to a regional selection committee, which chooses one nominee to send to the state selection committee.

The state committee will interview regional winners August 24-25 in Austin and select five state finalists. The Superintendent of the Year will be announced September 29 at the TASB/TASA Convention in Dallas. Vranish believes his nomination is a reflection of the outstanding job the entire staff of Tornillo ISD has done, as well as the support from the Board of Trustees and the community of Tornillo.

Big Brothers Big Sisters program finishes with robotics competition

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO — A robotics competition was the featured activity during the final day

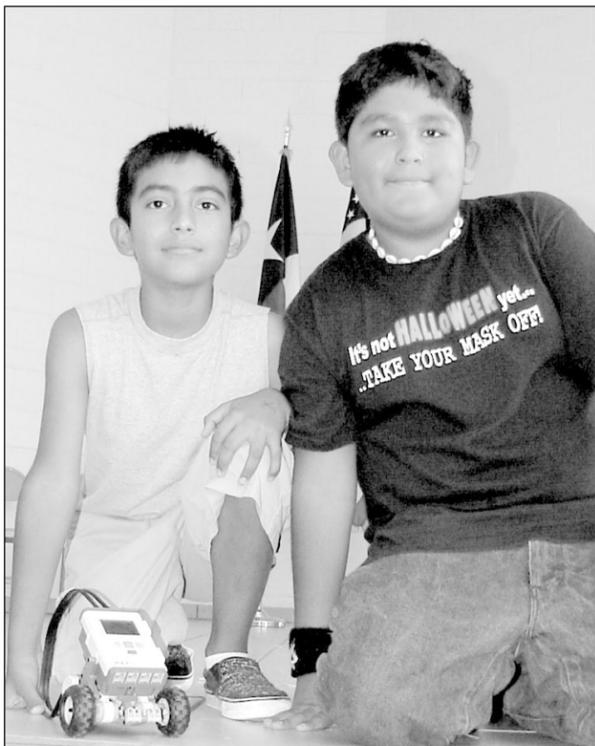
of the summer program sponsored by Canutillo Independent School District and Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS). The robotics contest, held Friday (July 13) at Canutillo High School, was the culmination of a six weeks summer program that included classroom lessons and field trips.

Over 180 third through eighth grade students participated in the summer program that included fun activities that incorporated math, science, reading and writing skills, physical education, cultural awareness, and alcohol prevention.

As part of the science component during the summer program, students in groups of ten researched, designed and built robots for the competition. "The science activities were designed to introduce and spark an interest in the fields of engineering," said Jesus Hernandez, a CISD teacher and summer program instructor. "We wanted also to encourage more girls

to consider pursuing careers in math, science and engineering," he added.

Winners of the robotics competition were the teammates Luis Bustillos, fifth grader at Damian Elementary School, and Luis Grado, 5th grader at Childress Elementary School.



— Photo courtesy Canutillo ISD

BOTMASTERS — Fifth Graders Luis Bustillos and Luis Grado won a robotics contest during the Big Brothers Big Sisters program sponsored by Canutillo ISD.

They were able to program their robot and were the first ones to accomplish a specific mission using a computer software program.

An alcohol prevention presentation was also part of the last day events. The presentation was part of the district's Canutillo Alcohol Reduction Program (C A R P), which consisted of semi-weekly classes for students and parents. It utilized a science-based comic book character, Slick Tracy, to teach students about the dangers of alcohol use and abuse.

"Students and their parents had an opportunity to discuss the different pressures for using and abusing alcohol, such as the media and peers," said Jesus Juarez, CISD prevention specialist.

The summer program was made possible through a collaborative effort among CISD, BBBS, Americorps, and Upper Rio Grande Workforce Youth Program.

Water raises risk of livestock disease

By Carla Everett
Special to the Courier

Rushing water, stagnant ponds, or even the dry stages after wet periods can lead to outbreaks of livestock disease. Mosquitoes and biting flies, capable of carrying and transmitting diseases, thrive in the damp weather, and naturally-occurring anthrax can take a toll on livestock and wildlife when pastures dry after prolonged wet periods.

Horse owners should take precautions against mosquito-transmitted diseases by having their animals vaccinated against West Nile Virus (WNV) and the reportable diseases Eastern and Western Equine Encephalitis (EEE and WEE). "If you wait until cases of 'sleeping sickness' occur in your area, you may have waited too long to vaccinate," said Dr. Bob Hillman, Texas' state veterinarian and head of the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock and poultry health regulatory agency.

"You need time for the vaccine to do its job, which is to build the animal's immunity to a particular disease," he said. "Vaccine can provide the best disease protection possible, but it's also crucial to keep up with booster shots, as recommended by the vaccine manufacturer or your private veterinary practitioner. In 2006, 111 horses were confirmed to have West Nile Virus in Texas. So far this year, the disease has been confirmed in one horse, located in Willacy County."

Three cases of Potomac Horse Fever, which is not a regulatory disease, have been confirmed in Kerr County by the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory. Potomac Horse Fever, first detected in Maryland in 1979, is not typically found in Texas. Clinical cases usually are found near rivers, streams, ponds or canals. The infection involves tiny flukes that are parasites of water snails. The flukes hatch their offspring into the water, and these are then picked up by aquatic insects that molt into flying insects, including caddis flies and mayflies. Horses can become exposed to Potomac Horse Fever when they eat or drink anything contaminated with the insects.

Kerr County equine veterinarians are urging all owners to call their practitioner if equine animals exhibit signs of Potomac Horse Fever, which can include a reluctance to eat, fever, diarrhea, colic or inflammation around the hoof. Treatment includes antibiotics and supportive care.

Biting flies can mechanically transmit equine infectious anemia (EIA), sometimes called "swamp fever." This incurable disease, for which no approved vaccine exists in the U.S., is a regulatory disease. TAHC regulations require horses and other equine animals to have a negative test for EIA within the previous 12 months before entering the state, or going to events, assemblies, trail rides, undergoing change of ownership or entering a breeding farm. The most commonly known test for EIA is the "Coggins" blood test. The incidence of EIA has dropped dramatically since 1997, when 750 equine animals in Texas were found to be infected. Since January 2007, only 29 infected animals have been detected.

"EIA-infected horses can develop severe

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One perspective

By Francis Shrum

A really bright idea

“Whose bright idea before each of us was beginning to really feel it.

was this, anyway?”

That was the question asked by each member of our party at some point during nine hours of grueling motion, a 4.2 mile climb that turned into a quicker — but at least as painful — 4.2 mile descent.

We climbed to the highest point in Texas.

I've had up-close views of the Guadalupe Peak since birth and was raised practically in the shadow of this monumental landmark. The bright idea has always been there, in the back of my mind, to climb to its tallest peak and survey from a bird's eye view the landscape that is my home.

I just somehow never got around to it.

This summer, though, the perfect time came. My kids are old enough so that I don't have to carry them, and I am still young enough that they don't have to carry me.

From the trail head on this perfect summer day the Guadalupe mountains, fronted by majestic El Capitan, towered above us like a sleeping giant. The trail we would follow crisscrossed the slope in a thin white line until it disappeared like tendrils of a spider's web against the rocky hillside.

Each member of our five-man troupe was armed with two liters of water, a couple of burritos, an apple and a generous sense of humor. We assaulted the first part of the trail with conquering spirit, but whether by design or through a cruel twist of fate, the first half-mile at the bottom and the last half-mile at the top are the steepest and roughest. We weren't even out of sight of the parking lot

before each of us was beginning to really feel it. It's a good thing our group wasn't expecting to make the trek in record time, else we might have been discouraged by the four other groups who passed us at various stages along the route. They included a park ranger with a buddy from another state taking a look-see at this Texas treasure; a scantily clad young couple; and a foursome of husky young men who traversed the rough, rocky trails like they were, well, taking a walk in the park.

Rather disheartening, though, was the older couple who easily overtook us midway up. I felt better later when, coming back down, they stopped to tell us that this hike was at least as tough as the one they had taken the previous weekend to the crest of Pike's Peak.

It was only later that I learned this particular trail, which led us on an elevation gain of about 3,000 feet, is rated “strenuous.” It is supposed to take about six to eight hours. I would have done it anyway, for the love of this trek, but we made the round trip in nine — our younger, more agile members settling for a leisurely pace to keep the group together.

The ever-ascending trail led from hot, desert terrain into cooler, tree-shaded paths that emerged, nearer the top, into a hot and stark landscape once again. Along the way we were treated to those surprising and generous gifts of nature that keep me ever in awe of this planet we call home — a carpet of fragile ferns that somehow found sustenance from the barren face of a boulder, a tree whose entire trunk was shrouded with a living robe of lady bugs that shimmered and modulated with extraordinary

beauty, a tiny seep of spring water that glistened against a slab of hot stone at 8700-plus feet above sea level.

Innumerable hours of back-breaking hand-labor by equally innumerable volunteers and staff of the Guadalupe National Park have made the trek through this country as convenient as possible. Installation of a picturesque wooden bridge overlooking a breathtaking chasm of canyon, erosion control in the trails with built-in stairs of wood and stone, and continuing maintenance of the path are deeply appreciated.

As we neared the crest, I begin to doubt that I'd actually make it, but I didn't dare say this out loud lest it become reality. I wanted to stand on top so bad I could taste it. We topped out above the towering cliffs that make up the western-most face of El Capitan but it took a final assault against our lagging limbs and a stark, stony trail before we could finally make the crest where has been planted a three-sided metal pyramid that marks the highest point. Inside a rough metal box at its foot is a book into which a fortunate few can enter their signatures.

We had expected to spend some time luxuriating in our victory but we found that there were other inhabit-



— Photo by Francis Shrum

WOUNDROUS VIEW — Carye Shrum got a bird's eye view of Texas from her perch atop Guadalupe Peak. The outcropping in front of her is the top side of El Capitan.

ants of this majestic place — hordes of various kinds and sizes of bugs were swarming over the entire crest, invading nostrils, ears and clothing with little inhibition. We ate our burritos, took our pictures, and hastened down the mountain.

The best part of this hike is not what we experienced at the time but rather what I have in the aftermath — unclouded by fatigue and pain, I review the mental images that have

been forever stored in my memory. It's a trek I will never make again, but now, each time I look at that mountain — as I hope to do many times in the remaining years of my life — instead of wondering what it's like up there, I will know.

As my youngest said, wonderingly, as we drove home, “That's the coolest thing I've ever done.”

I think it really was a pretty bright idea.

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Reyes Reports By U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes

We need to become energy independent

Earlier this month, as we celebrated our nation's independence on the Fourth of July, my Democratic colleagues and I launched a new legislative initiative to achieve energy independence. El Paso, along with the rest of the nation, has suffered through the effects of high energy prices at home and at the pump. Energy independence will help to ease economic pressures caused by our nation's reliance on foreign oil, thereby strengthening our national security, growing our economy, creating new jobs, and beginning to address environmental issues.

Currently, eleven different committees in the U.S. House of Representatives aim to tackle the issues of energy independence, national security, and sustainability. The proposed legislation includes measures to:

- Invest in homegrown biofuel

projects and industries;

- Create incentives for hybrids and other alternative-fuel vehicles;

- Repeal big oil tax breaks and subsidies;

- Increase efficiency to decrease energy costs;

- Encourage the use of renewable energies for a cleaner America;

- Fund cutting-edge research to promote innovation and create new jobs;

- Increase small business lending for efficient energy investments;

- Fight climate change; and
- Restore U.S. leadership in energy technology innovation.

These proposals could not have come at a more critical time. Since 2001, there has been an increase of over 150 percent in the price of gasoline. Consumers in El Paso and throughout the nation have been burdened with the increasing costs of filling up at the pump and heating and

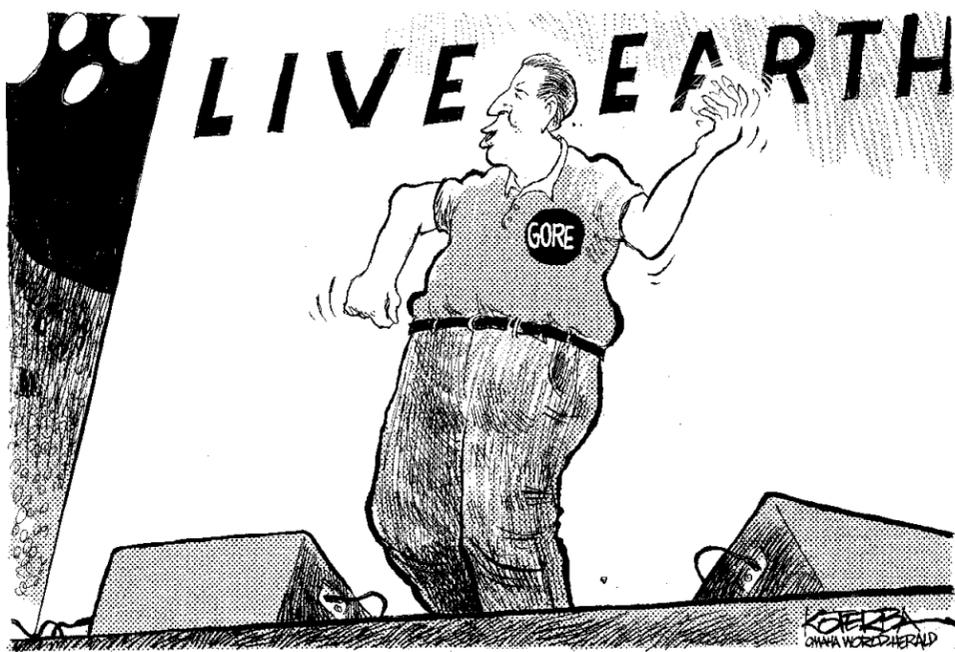
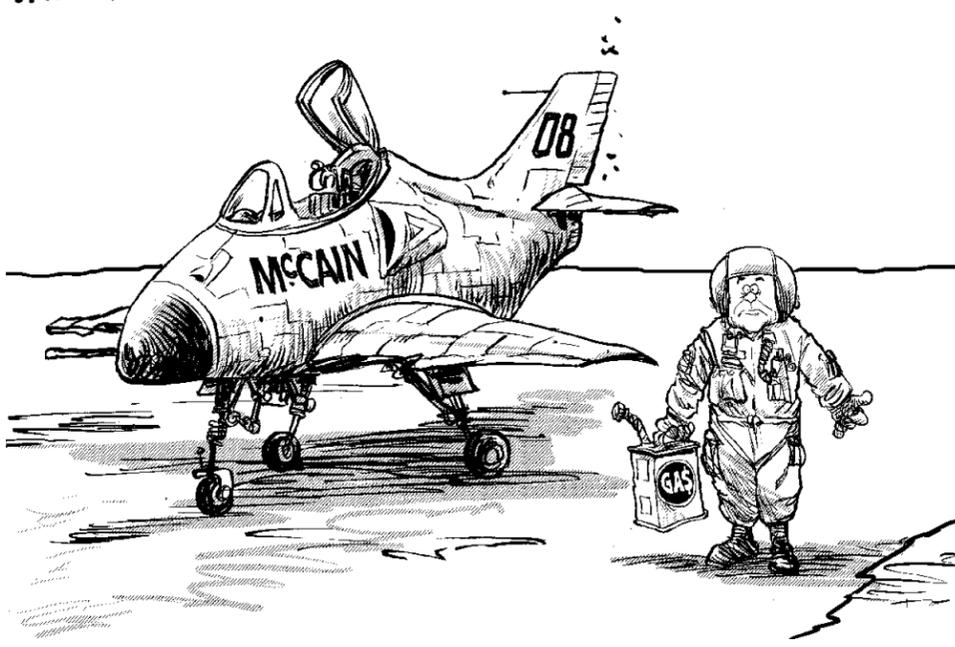
cooling homes.

As Chairman of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, I have become increasingly aware of the fact that continuing the status quo and relying on fossil fuels from foreign lands is not a sustainable or secure option. In 2006, over 66 percent of America's oil supplies came from foreign sources. With the growing instability in the Middle East, any potential disruption creates the possibility for economic consequences at home.

In moving forward to meet the goal of energy independence, our primary objective is to ensure that Americans have access to affordable energy. Energy independence, though, goes beyond the price of gas. It means caring for the environment, creating jobs and growing our economy. It means America leading the way forward, and this legislation is an important step in the right direction.

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Por la Gente By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

Steroids don't belong in Texas schools

Hola, mi gente,
 Many bills that are passed don't get too much attention until someone is affected by it. One such bill may very well be SB 8 by Senator Janek.

Janek's bill requires the University Interscholastic League to implement random tests on our high school athletes for steroids. Considering the fact that there have been many reports of severe health problems associated with careless use of steroids, this bill is long over due.

Perhaps the first headline story about steroids was the death of NFL player Lyle Alzado. Alzado played professionally for the Denver Broncos and then the Oakland Raiders. He was a prolific lineman responsible for many tackles.

Initially, in high school, Alzado was undersized. When he went on to college, he started taking the steroids to build up his mass. He continued through his professional football career sometimes spending up to \$30,000.00 a year on steroids. The emotional effect of the drugs cost him his marriage. The physical impact of the drugs cost him his life as a result of brain cancer.

I think that many of our local athletes are tempted to supplement their normal training with enhancement drugs such as steroids. So many of the other Texas athletes are bigger than the El Paso athletes, it is understandable how the desire to compete would make steroids at-

tractive. Perhaps the student athletes in other parts of Texas use steroids to gain the size advantage. Winning in high school athletics is not worth the risks associated with steroid use. I sincerely hope that none of the athletes in El Paso are supplementing their training with those drugs.

In the fall, the random testing program should be in full swing. Not all of the schools or athletes in Texas will be tested. The UIL will determine the targets for this and future tests.

Although quite expensive, the local communities will not be charged for the testing this school year and the next. At that point, the UIL should have developed the mechanism of funding the tests.

I have been assured that there will be great care in preserving the privacy of anyone tested in the program. If a student is tested positive, there will be policies in place to first confirm that the test was not a false positive, and then to address the problem with the parents, the student athletes, and school administrators.

I hope all of you will support the testing program. I want our student athletes to avoid the drugs altogether. This program, and educating them about the dangers of steroids, will keep any of our children from experiencing what Lyle Alzado experienced fifteen years ago.

Let us all be drug free.
 Gracias, mi gente, and I remain your friend and public servant,
 Chente for la gente.

USDA announces \$8.9 million for broadband grants

By Jay Fletcher
 Special to the Courier

WASHINGTON DC — Deputy Agriculture Secretary Chuck Connor has announced the availability of \$8.9 million in grants for communities without broadband service to provide residential service and connect facilities such as police and fire stations, health care, libraries and schools.

"The Community Connect Grant Program has proved to be effective in reaching those rural communities where broadband service is least likely to be deployed," Connor said. "Connecting residents and essential community facilities improves local services and the protection of the citizens of these communities."

Grants are available to communities in the most rural, economically challenged areas where loans will not be sustainable. In Horsehoe Bend, Idaho, for example, no company had invested in providing broadband delivery

to the community of 770 people. However, local businesses, schools and residents worked with the BitSmart Corp. to file a USDA Community Connect Grant, which was approved. Now, BitSmart has established wireless internet availability and an integrated system connecting law enforcement, health care providers, and school and government offices. Additionally, students in a business class at the high school are serving as BitSmart's local operations staff.

"Providing community residents with access to the internet and training on how to use it helps rural citizens understand the benefits of broadband service and is one more economic development tool available through USDA Rural Development," said Agriculture Under Secretary for Rural Development Thomas C. Dorr.

Applications for grants are due by close of business August 13, 2007. There is a minimum grant level of \$50,000 and a maximum grant level of \$1,000,000 for projects. The application guide for this grant program can be found at <http://www.usda.gov/rus/telecom/>.



Moore Texas by Roger T. Moore Galveston's elegant Hotel Galvez was conceptualized, planned, and built without a kitchen.

View from here By Marc A. Levin

Texas must not write off students

"The words of a prophet are written on the subway wall," Simon and Garfunkel once sang. Perhaps "I love Alex" could be a hit record, but in Katy these words written on a gymnasium wall instantly made a 12-year-old a potential felon.

As the Houston Chronicle reported, Shelby Sendelbach, a sixth-grader in the Katy Independent School District, may be banished to

an alternative school for four months and could be charged with a state jail felony for this incident, although prosecutors reportedly won't seek a felony-level indictment.

Sendelbach, whose appeal hearing before the school board is later this month, is hardly the first Texas student to be zapped by zero tolerance policies. In 2003, another Katy ISD student, 13-year-old Christina

Lough, was suspended and removed as student council president for bringing a pencil sharpener with a two-inch blade to school.

Last year, Casey Harmeier, a Tomball ISD 11-year-old, was arrested for allegedly pulling a fire alarm and was initially charged as a felon. The charge was reduced to a misdemeanor and ultimately dropped.

Texas students have been suspended or expelled for incidents such as a pocket knife left in a car parked on school property or an asthma inhaler not registered with school authorities. In 2005, the Legislature passed HB 603, which provided that districts may consider a student's intent and prior disciplinary history, if any, in suspension or expulsion decisions. During the 2007 session, the House voted to make such consideration mandatory, but the Senate failed to act.

However, policies must be fundamentally changed to be more restorative than punitive, and ensure that interventions take place within the school, particularly for nonviolent infractions.

Sendelbach should have been required to clean up her graffiti and perhaps other graffiti as well, perform school and community service, and meet with a local business or homeowner who has been victimized by graffiti to discuss its impact on a community's quality of life. All of this can be accomplished through programs such as victim-offender mediation, peer mediation, and teen courts that should operate within schools.

Through these restorative processes, students learn how their mis-

conduct affected others and often reach a written agreement to make amends, which they must perform to avoid traditional sanctions. Unlike prosecutions that typically take many months, these interventions can occur within days, and numerous studies show that the proximity of the sanction is the most important factor in changing juvenile behavior.

State law already provides a framework for this, but Harris County is not utilizing it. Chapter 52 of the Family Code describes police informal disposition programs that allow juveniles — particularly first time offenders like Sendelbach — to avoid prosecution by agreeing to make restitution and perform community service. While Harris County utilizes deferred prosecution, such cases still must go to court. The juvenile board has failed to adopt guidelines for diversion of youth by law enforcement, including school police. However, Section 52.03 states that each county's juvenile board "shall, in cooperation with each law enforcement agency in the county, adopt guidelines" for informal disposition.

In 2006, Dallas diverted 800 juveniles under this law. More than 80 percent of them successfully performed their agreement; the rest were sent to court. If the required guidelines were in place, Katy ISD police would have had a clear procedure for informally disposing of Sendelbach's case instead of giving her a summons to appear in court, and she could have already fulfilled her agreement.

A law passed this session should encourage schools to move in this direction for Class C misdemeanors. Schools will no longer be able to issue criminal citations to students

for conduct that is not a criminal offense under state or local law. Texas schools had been citing kids for routine misbehavior, including an 8-year-old in Houston for chewing gum. Instead of handing out citations like lollipops and passing the paddle to municipal courts, schools will now have an incentive to implement restorative processes.

Decades ago, such incidents were handled within the school. Our current system has become excessively punitive, and protracted adversarial legal proceedings have displaced less formal means of accepting responsibility. It's time to write a new chapter in Texas discipline and return to old-fashioned common sense.

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Fabens Independent School District SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

Fabens Independent School District provides the following education program/services to identified children with disabilities who reside within the district beginning on the third birthday through age twenty-one.

Instructional Program: including Early Childhood (beginning on the third birthday through age five), 1) 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; and 10) Homebound Services.

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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 child with disabilities who is not receiving educational services, please contact: Richard Ortega, Special Education Director, P.O. Box 697, Fabens, Texas 79838, (915) 764-3816.

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Si usted desea mas información o sabe de un niño/niña deshabilitado que vive en el distrito escolar de Fabens que no esta recibiendo servicios educacionales, favor de comunicarse con: Richard Ortega, Director de Educación Especial, P.O. Box 697, Fabens, Texas 79838, (915) 764-3816.

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North Stanton and pointed a yellow or gold colored revolver at her before he fled on foot with her purse. At 2:00 p.m. on the same day the suspect robbed Pizza Patron at 4902 Montana, again displaying a gold colored revolver. And at 11:00 p.m. that night he robbed the Taco Bell at 9159 Dyer. The suspect in all three aggravated robberies is described as an Hispanic male in his early 20's, medium height and build, with bushy eyebrows, who spoke English. In two of the robberies he was wearing blue medical scrubs, possibly with a red emblem on the sleeve. The weapon was very small and two-toned in color, perhaps brass on the bottom and a darker color on the top of the barrel. It also may have had a Western design. If you have any information about these cases, call Crime Stoppers at 566-TIPS (566-8477) or online at www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org. You can remain anonymous and, if your tip leads to an arrest, you can qualify for a cash reward.

Computer class

Socorro ISD, Community Learning Center is proud to announce a "Self-Paced" Computer Applications class beginning July 23. The class will be a hands-on introduction to Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Outlook as well as keyboarding and e-mail. Classes will be held at the Community Learning Center at 313 S. Rio Vista from 1:00 p.m. to 2:45 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Registration will be held from July 19 to July 23 at 313 S. Rio Vista or by calling 937-1704 or 937-1700. Classes will follow SISD District calendar.

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Sheffield continues to be as explosive off the field as on it

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

There are many professional athletes that I truly admire — guys and gals that carry themselves with dignity, grace and class.

Many athletes are great role models for the kids and set a fine example for them to follow. Many athletes have big hearts, smart brains and common sense.

And then there's Gary Sheffield. Sheffield, for some of you who didn't know it, began his pro career with the El Paso Diablos. Even then, he was regarded as a bottle rocket that could ignite and explode at any second.

Well, with the growth of his career and stature, the bottle rocket has evolved into a time bomb.

Sheffield has spent his major league career smacking the baseball against and over ballpark fences around the country.

The man wiggles his bat with nervous anticipation and then uncoils his body with the kind of fury that must make a pitcher (who is the closest guy to him) cringe and fear for his life.

It's agreed upon that no baseball comes off the bat harder than it does from the bat of Gary Sheffield.

And all that is great on the baseball field, but Sheffield's mind and mouth work just about the same way. When it's time to react to a question, Sheffield can unleash all the venom and fury in the world.

It may not come with an ounce of sense or truth or decorum or insight, but its coming.

Sheffield's latest tirade mainly involved — what else — race.

The guy, who has burned bridges all around the league, came out with some rather hateful statements last week and nobody was spared.

First of all, Sheffield insinuated that his former boss, Yankees' manager Joe Torre had racist tendencies. He said Torre treated the black players on the team differently from the white players.

He said Torre only treated the white players with respect.

Interesting. Let's examine whose big mouth these words are coming out of.

Remember, this is the same moron (Sheffield) who said, "These are the things my race demands. So, if you're equally good as this Latin player, guess who's going to

get sent home? I know a lot of [Black] players that are home now can outplay a lot of these [Latin] guys ... you're going to see more black faces [in baseball], but there ain't no English going to be coming out. ... [It's about] being able to tell [Latin players] what to do — being able to control them."

Gee, I wonder if we can blame those comments on Torre too.

You think Sheffield is done with playing the race card? Nah, he's got many up his sleeve.

Sheffield, for some completely unknown reason, went on to say that Derek Jeter, "ain't all the way black." He was asked whether other black players felt the same, and because Jeter had mixed-race parents, he didn't really qualify.

To prove that Sheffield has no clue what he's talking about, he doesn't realize that an unfortunate truth about much of this country is that mixed-race people are often ridiculed more than Blacks or Whites or Hispanics. And that more than qualifies Jeter.

But something tells me that Derek Jeter has way too much class to even dignify the idiotic subject.

But Sheffield didn't stop there, he also went after baseball's other bad (or big) boy, Barry Bonds.

You may or may not be aware that Sheffield's name has come up a time or two concerning the steroids scandal. And he wasted no time throwing Bonds under the bus.

Sheffield said, "if I took what Barry Bonds took, why don't I look like him?" He also said that he never took steroids because "the bottom line is steroids is something you stick in your butt — period."

Did I leave out the fact that Sheffield has an eloquent way with words too?

What's going to happen very soon is that teammates are going to stay away from this powder keg because it could go off on them too at any time.

If anyone doubts the trouble that Sheffield has caused throughout his career, they need only look at his most telling stat. He is one of the most feared hitters in the game, a true superstar that can obviously help a team with a championship.

So why is he currently with his seventh different team? Team's usually do whatever they can to hold on to players this good.

And mark my words, it won't be long before the Detroit Tigers hold the next Gary Sheffield auction.

Livestock

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anemia, fever and swelling. In severe cases, EIA can kill the animals, but many times, the infected animal has few signs of disease," noted Dr. Hillman. "Prevent EIA transmission by avoiding blood-to-blood contact between infected and 'clean' equine animals. Disinfect medical instruments and tack, and control flies. Biting flies carry blood from one animal to the next on their mouthparts, and they play a key role in the mechanical transmission of EIA."

Infected equine must be maintained at least 200 yards away from other equine animals, euthanized, or sent to slaughter.

"In the past, untested equine animals could be sold for slaughter through a livestock market. At the slaughter plant, blood samples were collected and sent for laboratory testing. Now that Texas equine slaughter plants have been closed, we can not ensure that horses moving to plants in other states or countries are tested. Therefore, we are requiring all horses to have a current EIA test, even when being sold for slaughter," said Dr. Hillman.

Rain, followed by hot weather can coax the invisible bacteria Bacillus anthracis to the surface, a situation

that has occurred on a ranch in Tom Green County, where 17 head of cattle and a number of white-tailed deer have died. "Anthrax in Texas occurs nearly every year, and it is a reportable disease to the TAHC. If we know an outbreak is occurring, we can let ranchers in the area know that it's time to vaccinate their livestock. There is no preventive treatment for wildlife," said Dr. Hillman.

Anthrax naturally occurs worldwide and in many states of the United States. Disease outbreaks have been reported in Minnesota, South Dakota and Canada this year. When an anthrax-infected animal dies and isn't properly burned, the bacteria will infiltrate the soil and lie dormant (but not spread) for many years. Under ideal weather and soil conditions — a cool, wet spring, followed by a hot, dry spell — the bacteria will resurface on grass and forage. The disease cycle starts again, when another animal ingests the resurfaced anthrax bacteria.

TAHC regulations require that an infected animal's carcass, manure and bedding be incinerated. This prevents wild animals from being exposed to the disease, and it kills the bacteria, preventing another site where the anthrax bacteria can resurface. Dr. Hillman urged ranchers to wear gloves and long sleeves when preparing the burn site and to avoid moving the carcasses, if possible.

Exposure to anthrax carcasses could cause a handler to develop a black skin lesion that requires prompt medical treatment.

"There is no need for vacationers or hunters to worry about naturally occurring anthrax. Just don't touch or handle sick or dead animals, and don't pick up bones or shed antlers. We usually advise hunters not to hunt feral or wild swine in the area during an anthrax outbreak. Feral swine may root around carcasses of anthrax-killed animals, becoming exposed to the bacteria but not contracting the disease."

Dr. Hillman advised swimmers to avoid ponds or streams, if dead animals are nearby. The same advice goes for pets, too. By the time hunting season starts, he said, cool weather usually puts an end to anthrax cases. "Always harvest only healthy-looking animals, and, as a routine practice, wear gloves when processing meat," he said.

"In Texas, it is often 'feast or famine' drought or flood," said Dr. Hillman. "With each of the conditions, there are concerns about livestock health. So, while ranchers enjoy the lush grasses the rains have produced, they may have to control pests to lower disease risks. However, I don't know many ranchers who would choose last year's drought over some extra vigilance this year."

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Town of Horizon City PUBLIC NOTICE

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 24, 2007 during the Regular Council Meeting at City Hall, 14999 Darrington Road, Horizon City, Texas. Purpose of the public hearing is to allow any interested persons to appear and testify regarding the following proposed ordinance(s):

- 1) Repeal and Replace Ordinance No. 0049 — Defining and Prohibiting Noise Nuisances within the Town Limits of the Town of Horizon City.

Those who are unable to attend may submit their views in writing to the City Clerk of Horizon City. Accommodations for handicapped persons will be available and individuals in need of special assistance for attending the hearing are encouraged to contact the City Clerk at 915-852-1046, forty-eight (48) hours prior to this meeting. Ordinances are available for viewing or copying upon request from the City Clerk at the above address or call 915-852-1046, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Fidel Morales
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Texas Commission on Environmental Quality



NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR TPDES PERMIT FOR MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER RENEWAL

TPDES PERMIT NO. WQ0010120001

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. Town of Anthony, PO Box 1269, Anthony, Texas 79821, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a renewal of TPDES Permit No. WQ0010120001, which authorizes the discharge of treated domestic wastewater at a daily average flow not to exceed 565,000 gallons per day. TCEQ received this application on March 1, 2007.

The facility is located approximately 2,000 feet west of State Highway 20 and 4,000 feet south of Farm-to-Market Road 1905 in El Paso County, Texas. The treated effluent is discharged to the La Tuna Arroyo Ag Drain; thence to the East Ag Drain; thence to Rio Grande Above International Dam in Segment No. 2314 of the Rio Grande Basin. The unclassified receiving water uses are no significant aquatic life for La Tuna Ag Drain. The designated uses for Segment No. 2314 are high aquatic life use, public water supply, and contact recreation. All determinations are preliminary and subject to additional review and/or revisions.

The TCEQ executive director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft per-

mit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The executive director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory requirements. The permit application, Executive Director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at the Anthony Town Hall, 401 Wildcat Drive, Anthony, Texas.

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ holds a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. **Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting a contested case hearing or reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision.** A con-

tested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court.

TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST: your name; address, phone; applicant's name and permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; and the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing." If the request is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are germane to the group's purpose.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

The Commission will only grant a contested case hearing on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commissioner's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues that were raised in timely filed comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. **TCEQ may act on an application to renew a permit for discharge of wastewater without providing an opportunity for a contested case**

hearing if certain criteria are met.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION. The Executive Director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or a timely request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the Executive Director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and requests to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

MAILING LIST. If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and/or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) to which you wish to be added and send your request to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

All written public comments and requests for a public meeting should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of the notice.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information about the TCEQ can be found at our web site at www.tceq.state.tx.us.

Further information may also be obtained from the Town of Anthony at the address stated above or by calling

Mr. Jose Gilberto Andujo, P.E., Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc., at 915-533-6811.

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Comisión De Calidad Ambiental Del Estado De Texas



AVISO DE LA SOLICITUD Y DECISIÓN PRELIMINAR PARA EL PERMISO DEL SISTEMA DE ELIMINACION DE DESCARGAS DE CONTAMINANTES DE TEXAS (TPDES) PARA AGUAS RESIDUALES MUNICIPALES RENOVACION PERMISO NO. WQ0010120001

SOLICITUD Y DECISIÓN PRELIMINAR. Town of Anthony, PO Box 1269, Anthony, Texas 79821 ha solicitado a la Comisión de Calidad Ambiental del Estado de Texas (TCEQ) una renovación para autorizar la descarga de aguas residuales tratadas en un volumen que no sobrepasa un flujo promedio diario de 565,000 galones por día. La TCEQ recibió esta solicitud 1 Marzo 2007.

La planta está ubicada en 2,000 pies al oeste de State Highway 20 y 4,000 pies sur de Farm-to-Market Road en el Condado de El Paso Texas. El efluente tratado es descargado al La Tuna Ag Drain desde allí al East Ag Drain; desde allí al Rio Grande arriba del Internacional Dam en el Segmento No. 2314 de la Cuenca del Rio Grande. Los usos no clasificados de las aguas receptoras son elevados usos de la vida acuática para La Tuna Ag Drain. Los usos no clasificados de las aguas receptoras son no significativos usos de la vida acuática para La Tuna Ag Drain. Los usos designados para el Segmento No. 2314 son uso excepcional de vida acuática; abastecimiento de agua potable, y recreación sin

contacto. El Director Ejecutivo de la TCEQ ha completado la revisión técnica de la solicitud y ha preparado un borrador del permiso. El borrador del permiso, si es aprobado, establecería las condiciones bajo las cuales la instalación debe operar. El Director Ejecutivo ha tomado una decisión preliminar que si este permiso es emitido, cumple con todos los requisitos normativos y legales. La solicitud del permiso, la decisión preliminar del Director Ejecutivo y el borrador del permiso están disponibles para leer y copiar en Anthony Town Hall, 401 Wildcat Drive, Anthony Texas.

COMENTARIO PUBLICO / REUNION PUBLICA. Usted puede presentar comentarios públicos adicionales o pedir una reunión pública sobre esta solicitud. Usted puede presentar comentarios o pedir una reunión pública sobre esta solicitud.

El propósito de una reunión pública es dar la oportunidad de presentar comentarios o hacer preguntas acerca de la solicitud. La TCEQ realiza una reunión pública si el Director Ejecutivo determina que hay un grado de interés público suficiente en la solicitud o si un legislador local lo pide. Una reunión pública no es una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso.

OPORTUNIDAD DE UNA AUDIENCIA ADMINISTRATIVA DE LO CONTENCIOSO. Después del plazo para presentar comentarios públicos, el Director Ejecutivo considerará todos los comentarios apropiados y preparará una respuesta a todo los comentarios públicos esenciales, pertinentes, o significativos. **A menos que la solicitud haya sido referida directamente a una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso, la respuesta a los comentarios y la decisión del**

Director Ejecutivo sobre la solicitud serán enviados por correo a todos los que presentaron un comentario público y a las personas que están en la lista para recibir avisos sobre esta solicitud. Si se reciben comentarios, el aviso también proveerá instrucciones para pedir una reconsideración de la decisión del Director Ejecutivo y para pedir una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso. Una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso es un procedimiento legal similar a un procedimiento legal civil en un tribunal de distrito del estado.

PARA PEDIR UNA AUDIENCIA ADMINISTRATIVA DE LO CONTENCIOSO, USTED DEBE INCLUIR EN SU PEDIDO LOS SIGUIENTES DATOS: su nombre; dirección; teléfono; nombre del solicitante y número del permiso; la ubicación y la distancia de su propiedad/actividad con respecto a la instalación; una descripción específica de la forma cómo usted sería afectado adversamente por el sitio de una manera no común al público en general; y la declaración "[Yo/nosotros] solicitamos una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso". Si presenta por parte de un grupo o asociación el pedido para una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso, debe identificar el nombre y la dirección de una persona que representa al grupo para recibir correspondencia en el futuro; debe identificar un miembro del grupo que sería afectado adversamente por la planta o la actividad propuesta; debe proveer la información ya indicada anteriormente con respecto a

la ubicación del miembro afectado y la distancia de la planta o actividad propuesta; debe explicar como y porqué el miembro sería afectado y como los intereses que el grupo desea proteger son pertinentes al propósito del grupo. Después del cierre de los períodos para los pedidos y comentarios, el Director Ejecutivo enviará la solicitud y los pedidos para reconsideración o por una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso a los Comisionados de la TCEQ para su consideración en una reunión programada de la Comisión. La Comisión otorgará solamente una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso sobre los hechos reales disputados del caso que son pertinentes y esenciales para la decisión de la Comisión sobre la solicitud. Además, la Comisión sólo otorgará una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso sobre los asuntos que fueron presentados antes del plazo de vencimiento y que no fueron retirados posteriormente. **Si ciertos criterios se cumplen, la TCEQ puede actuar sobre una solicitud para renovar un permiso para descargar aguas residuales sin proveer una oportunidad de una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso.**

ACCIÓN DEL DIRECTOR EJECUTIVO. El Director Ejecutivo puede emitir una aprobación final de la solicitud a menos que exista un pedido antes del plazo de vencimiento de una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso o se ha presentado un pedido de reconsideración. Si un pedido ha llegado antes del plazo de vencimiento de la audiencia o el pedido de reconsideración ha sido presentado, el Director Ejecutivo no emitirá una aprobación final sobre el permiso y enviará la solicitud y el pedido a los Comisionados de la TECQ para consideración en una reunión

programada de la Comisión.

LISTA DE CORREO. Si somete comentarios públicos, un pedido para una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso o una reconsideración de la decisión del Director Ejecutivo, la Oficina del Secretario Principal enviará por correo los avisos públicos en relación con la solicitud. Además, puede pedir que la TCEQ ponga su nombre en una o mas de las listas correos siguientes (1) la lista de correo permanente para recibir los avisos de el solicitante indicado por nombre y número del permiso específico y/o (2) la lista de correo de todas las solicitudes en un condado específico. Si desea que se agregue su nombre en una de las listas designe cual lista(s) y envía por correo su pedido a la Oficina del Secretario Principal de la TCEQ.

Todos los comentarios escritos del público y los pedidos una reunión deben ser presentados durante los 30 días después de la publicación del aviso a la Oficina del Secretario Principal, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087.

CONTACTOS E INFORMACIÓN DE LA TCEQ. Si necesita más información en Español sobre esta solicitud para un permiso o el proceso del permiso, por favor llame a la oficina de Asistencia al Público de la TCEQ, sin cobro, al 1-800-687-4040. La información general sobre la TCEQ puede ser encontrada en nuestro sitio de la red: www.tceq.state.tx.us.

También se puede obtener información adicional del Town of Anthony a la dirección indicada arriba o llamando Sr. Jose Gilberto Andujo, P.E. al (915) 533-6811.

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 2, 2007

LIBRARY AUTOMATION SOFTWARE RFP NO. 199-0802-7124 ACCEPTED UNTIL 2:00 P.M.

Proposals will be received at Business Services Dept., 12300 Eastlake Drive, El Paso, Texas 79928 until the specified times. Detailed specifications are available from the above office between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and on the Socorro ISD website: www.sisd.net. WTCC-07/19/07

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THURSDAY, JULY 26, 2006

MUSICAL INSTRUMENT REPAIRS CSP NO. 199-0726-7126 ACCEPTED UNTIL 2:00 P.M.

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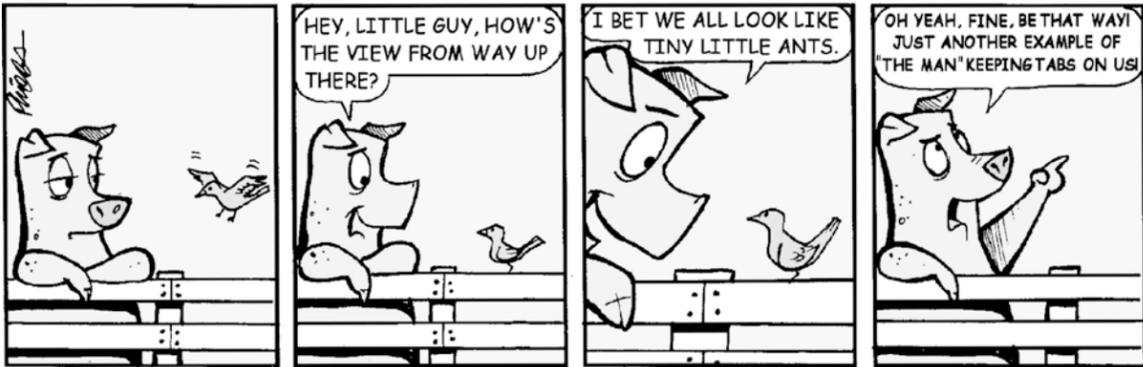


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Seeking the women's vote

By Don Flood

"Yeah, I'm a babe magnet," presidential candidate Fred Thompson recently announced.

Well, not quite. Speaking to a group of Republican Congressmen, Thompson did say, "I was single for a long time and yep I chased a lot of women. And a lot of women chased me. And those who chased me tended to catch me."

But the interesting part is the role these women are expected to play in the election.

The following story actually appeared on Times Online:

"In the battle for the women's vote, Fred Thompson has a secret weapon against Hillary Clinton — the legions of former girlfriends who still adore him and who want him to be president."

According to historians and political pundits, this may be the first presidential election where past girlfriends hold the deciding vote.

In just the state of Florida, for example, Thompson is said to have 189,000 former girlfriends — enough, political observers say, to swing the election.

And some contend that estimate is far too low, that — owing to Thompson's extraordinary discretion — the actual number could be easily top 400,000 or more.

Thompson's highest concentrations of adoring ex-girlfriends reside on the coasts, with 1.6 million and 1.3 million in California and New York, respectively. He is also estimated to have about 9 million ex-girlfriends spread across the Sunbelt.

However, strategists from opposing camps point out there are wide swaths of the West and Midwest where Thompson has virtually no ex-girlfriends. Past Iowa girlfriends are said to number as few as 2,000 and there are even rumors — aggressively discounted

by Thompson aides — that in states like Montana and Wyoming the candidate may have no more than 500 ex-girlfriends — not enough to make a difference in most elections.

Thompson also faces the danger of a backlash in some states.

Said one woman who likes Thompson but remains hurt that he never tried to date her or her sisters, "How come he's only got 3,000 ex-girlfriends in Idaho? What — he doesn't think we're woman enough for him?"

The Northeast also remains something of a soft area for Thompson, where some women find his folksy manner and habit of appearing to fall asleep in the middle of a long Tennessee sentence annoying.

Off the record, campaign staffers say Thompson is well aware of his potential weaknesses and plans to make extra efforts to woo the voters in those states.

"It's a question of the Electoral College politics," a senior Thompson aide explained. "If it was just the popular vote, we'd have enough right now. But we have to shore up states where Sen. Thompson's ex-girlfriend count is low."

But adding more ex-girlfriends before the election — even though it's 16 months away — remains problematical for at least one reason. That would be Mrs. Thompson, who is likely to cramp her husband's style.

And Hillary, after all, has her own secret weapon to unleash, her husband, the legendary Arkansas horn dog.

Scoffed one Clinton aide, "We'll see who can line up more babes come Election Day."

It's going to be an important and illuminating election.

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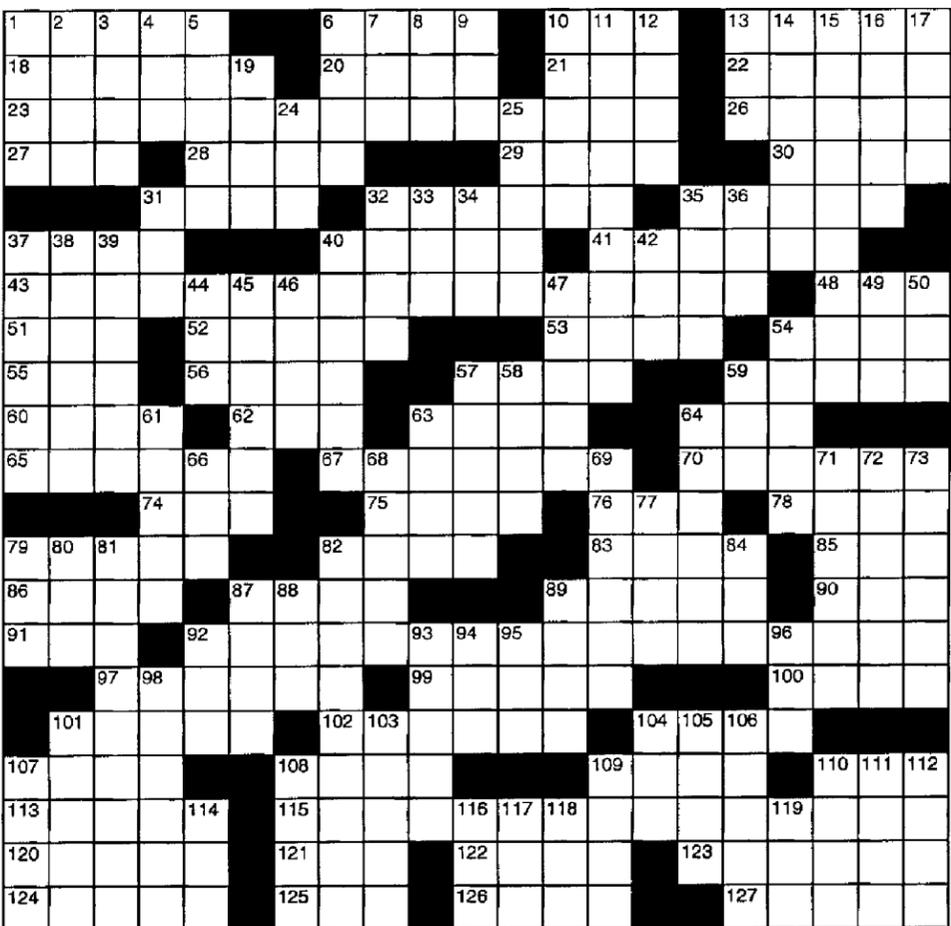
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- 78 " _ Lang Syne"
- 79 Aromatic spice
- 82 Rocker
- Townshend
- 83 Unwelcome visit?
- 85 TV's "My Sister _"
- 86 Wet blanket
- 87 Stead
- 89 Sweetly, to Solti
- 90 Dallas coll.
- 91 Slangy sib
- 92 Inarticulate
- pageant winner?
- 97 French pointillist
- 99 Lose one's tail?
- 100 Cooking fat
- 101 Play ground?
- 102 Congenial
- 104 Coalition
- 107 "Oh, woe!"
- 108 Scored, to
- Sampras
- 109 Impartial
- 110 Exec's deg.
- 113 Ditka and Douglas
- 115 Deceptive pageant
- winner?
- 120 "Die Fledermaus"

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- 1 Window part
 - 2 Director Kazan
 - 3 Desire
 - 4 Slalom curve
 - 5 Resident
 - 6 Diplomacy
 - 7 Aussie walker
 - 8 Feel awful
 - 9 Nutritional abbr.
 - 10 Clerical vestment
 - 11 Went on
 - 12 Prong
 - 13 Singer Chris
 - 14 Weather factor
 - 15 Abusive pageant
 - winner?
 - 16 Sacred cows
 - 17 Shoe size
 - 19 Collars a crook
 - 24 Where goats
 - gambol
 - 25 See 122 Across
 - 31 Marmaduke has
 - two
 - 32 Positive
 - 33 Hesitater's sounds

- 34 Little one
- 35 Baseball's
- Martinez
- 36 Chang's sib
- 37 Explosive mixture
- 38 Expand
- 39 Neat _
- 40 Shore sight
- 42 Bach's "Bist du bei _"
- 44 Neighbor of Mex.
- 45 That is
- 46 Sonny & Cher
- song, e.g.
- 47 Mother Judd
- 49 Commotion
- 50 Part of MPH
- 54 Biblical region
- 57 Oater extras
- 58 Departed
- 59 Hen's hubby
- 61 Remove varnish
- 63 HS exam
- 64 Florentine family
- name
- 66 Holm of "Brazil"
- 68 Freeze
- 69 Actor Power
- 71 Zhivago's country
- 72 Star quality
- 73 Halley or Hillary
- 77 Soft mineral
- 79 LP replacements
- 80 Psychic Geller
- 81 Inaccurate
- pageant winner?
- 82 DDT, for instance
- 84 Narcs' org.

- 87 Italian bread?
- 88 "It _ far, far better ..."
- 89 Teen title
- 92 Toby, for one
- 93 Rips to shreds
- 94 Slangy suffix
- 95 Squirrel's snack
- 96 RN's specialty
- 98 Art supporters?
- 101 Playground
- feature
- 103 Homes on high
- 104 Candy quantity
- 105 Ohio city
- 106 Declaim
- 107 "Diary of _
- Housewife" ('70 film)
- 108 NYSE rival
- 109 Baptism site
- 110 Make money
- 111 Transvaal resident
- 112 He's Devine
- 114 Diocese
- 116 Hostelry
- 117 Society column
- word
- 118 Crafty critter
- 119 Heavy weight



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Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

Q: What are the income and resource requirements for the extra help with prescription drug costs?

A: If your annual income is below \$15,315 for an individual (or \$20,535 if you are married and living with your spouse), you may qualify for the extra help. Even if your annual income is higher, you still may be able to get some help. Some examples when your income may be higher include if you or your spouse support other family members who live with you, have earnings from work, or live in Alaska or Hawaii. To get the extra help with Medicare prescription drug plan costs, your total resources generally must be limited to \$11,710 for an individual (or \$23,410 if you are married and living with your spouse). To learn more about the extra help, visit our website at www.socialsecurity.gov/prescriptionhelp/. You also may call us toll-free at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

Q: I turn 62 this year and plan to

retire at the end of July. But the way my company pays me may pose a problem. Even though I'll stop working when I retire, I won't get paid until several months later. In other words, even though I am retired, I will get paychecks a few months after I'm retired. Will my company's payment policy affect my eligibility for Social Security?

A: No, it won't. We count earnings in the month they are earned, not the month they are paid. So even though you will get paid after you retire at the end of July, because you earned that money prior to August, you will be due your full Social Security retirement benefit for August and the rest of the year. To learn more about retirement, visit our website at www.socialsecurity.gov or call us at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

Q: I get Supplemental Security Income and I'm supposed to report any changes in resources. Can you remind me what you mean by resources?

A: Resources are the things you own such as cash, real estate, personal belongings, bank accounts, stocks and bonds that you can use for your support. To be eligible for SSI you must have no more than \$2,000 in countable resources. (The limit is \$3,000 for a married couple.) We don't count everything, such as the home you live in, your car, personal effects and funds set aside for your burial. To learn more about SSI, including what resources count and don't count, refer to our publication, What You Need To Know When You Get Supplemental Security Income (SSI). You can get a copy online at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/. You also may call us toll-free at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) to ask for a free copy to be mailed to you.

For more information on any of the questions listed above, visit our website at 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.

RioCorps looking for workers

EL PASO COUNTY — The Upper Rio Grande Water Conservation Corps (RioCorps) of Texas Cooperative Extension is now accepting applications for 2007-08. Students and others interested in working on community environmental issues have until August 10th to submit their applications.

Full-time members will work a minimum of 1700 service hours and will receive a yearly living allowance of \$11,100 and an educational award of \$4,725; part-time members will work a minimum of 900 hours and will receive a yearly living allowance of \$5,645 and an educational award of \$2,362.50.

RioCorps members are placed with Texas Cooperative Extension to help educate people in commu-

nities, neighborhoods, colonias, and schools about environmental issues such as: water conservation and quality, gardening and composting, waste disposal and sanitation practices, and conservation of natural resources (among others).

To qualify, applicants must be at least 18 years of age, have a high school or GED diploma, be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident alien, pass a criminal background check, have reliable transportation, a valid Texas driver's license, and proof of liability auto insurance. Bilingual skills in English and Spanish are preferred.

To obtain an application, or if you have any questions, please contact Daphne Richards or Penny Orozco at 915-851-2515, or by email at drichards@ag.tamu.edu.

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855-1900, 851-2091-fax, or it will be sold at public auction for charges: VIN - IFMEUI5F5CLA43132, 1982 Ford Bronco, blue, Mexico plates 174 SAD WTCC-06/28/07

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