



NEWSBRIEFS

Independent Texas

El Paso County may be a little far removed, but the festivities abound for the upcoming Texas Independence Day celebration, March 2–7, sponsored by the Celebrate Texas organization and supported by the Texas Historical Commission (THC). Opening activities are March 2 with a memorial ceremony at the Texas State Cemetery at 9 a.m. Events at the State Capitol featuring live music, speeches and other special entertainment begin at 11:30 a.m. On Saturday, March 5 at 9 a.m. is the Texas Fun Run 5K, followed by the Texas Independence Day Parade at 11 a.m. Winding up the activities on March 7 is the Jay Johnson Memorial Golf Tournament at Steiner Ranch. The MSNBC tour will cover Texas Independence Day activities under Texas History and Culture. For more information, visit the Celebrate Texas web site at www.celebratetexas.org.

Deadline extended

The Texas Dept. of Agriculture has announced that cotton growers in Pest Management Zone 10 have been granted a blanket extension for cotton stalk destruction. The extended deadline for this year is midnight Feb. 15. Cotton stalk destruction is required by regulations adopted by the Cotton Pest Control Law, and helps control boll weevils.

In other news

■ District 75 State Rep. Chente Quintanilla has been appointed to serve on two key committees for the 79th Legislative Session, the House Committee on Licensing and Administrative Procedures and the House Committee on Local Ways and Means. Having an active role as a committee member will enable him to have greater input on a large number of bills covering a wide range of issues, he said.

■ On Wednesday, Feb. 16 at 10 a.m. “in the comfort of our theatre, we will take you on a private tour of the White House,” said Isabel Montes, Superintendent of the Chamizal National Memorial. “Thereafter, every third Wednesday, we invite the public to explore a different National Park Service site through our Armchair Explorer Series,” she added. This first presentation is also in honor of the recent inauguration. As a matter of interest, the White House itself has been altered, adapted, or enlarged to suit the needs of the residents and demands of a growing nation and of a more complicated world. However, through all of this, the basic structure has been respected. The home tour video begins with a welcome from First Lady Laura Bush in the Library. Highlights of the historic furnishings and

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Most of us have seen TV grow from infancy to adultery.

— Quips & Quotes

Canutillo elementary raises funds for Red Cross tsunami relief fund

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

UPPER VALLEY — Canutillo Elementary School faculty and students collected more than \$1,700 for the Tsunami Relief Fund recently. The funds were raised through campus activities and a Saturday morning walkathon along the Rio Grande River Park.

For the Saturday morning event, nearly 400 walkers gathered at the Borderland Road Bridge and followed the new paved path constructed in the Upper Valley along the Rio Grande.

For two weeks prior to the walkathon, CES students, teachers, and staff members participated in wellness walks on Wednesdays during the physical education class periods. “They donated their snacks money for that day as a lesson on giving and promoting world peace, as well as practicing a healthy lifestyle,” said Kenny Cooper, CES physical education teacher. “All of the money collected will go directly



— Photo courtesy Canutillo ISD

A WORTHWHILE WALK — Canutillo Elementary School Walkathon drew about 400 walkers during the Saturday morning event.

to the Tsunami Relief Fund through the Red Cross,” said Susan Smith, CES technology lead teacher and one of the facilitators for the events.

Positive results anticipated from new after school program in San Elizario

By Phillip Cortez
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO — A “cool” new after school program for students is about to launch in San Elizario, according to district officials.

Beginning this week, Feb. 1, 2005, fifth and sixth grade students in San Eli will be able to take part in the SEISD After School Activities Program. The concept is to give boys and girls in these grades something to do at their respective campuses after school since there are typically no UIL activities for that age group. “We want to

provide a safe after school environment,” said Carlos Marrufo, assistant athletic director. “Since the community has limited facilities, we’re providing ours.”

So far four activities have been planned for the remainder of the school year, according to Marrufo. Fifth grade students in all three elementary campuses as well as sixth graders at

San Elizario Middle School can participate in soccer through March 3. On March 8, boys and girls can take part in basketball, which runs through April 14. From April 26 — May 19, students will be able to participate in volleyball and flag football activities.

All activities are held from approximately

3:30 until 5 p.m., according to Marrufo, and since the district will be funding this new program with Title I federal monies, up to 12 coaches will be hired to see things through. A tournament style of format is currently being worked on so that schools will be able to compete against each other in the various activities.

“We want to teach character and sportsmanship through these activities,” Marrufo said.

Barbara Orozco, principal at Alarcón Elementary School, agrees with Marrufo.

“A program like this provides an outlet for students to participate in team building activities,



— Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD

I GOT IT! — Sambrano Elementary student Jose Gonzalez takes control of the ball during PE classes. A new after school activities program began Feb. 1 for 5th and 6th grade students in San Elizario.

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Change in career for teacher was rocks to riches

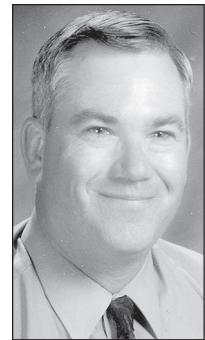
By Don Woodyard
Courier Staff Writer

ANTHONY — Twenty computers line the walls of David Price’s classroom at Anthony Middle School in the Anthony ISD where he teaches an innovative robotics curriculum.

It is a fitting reflection of his work as technology and reading teacher at the school. It

is also a fitting reflection of the recognition he and 99 other Texas technology teachers will receive Feb. 8 in Austin.

At that time Price, who is in his fifth year in the Anthony ISD, will be recognized as one of the top 100 computer educators in the state of Texas.



David Price

Dr. Barbara Shaw, instructional technology coordinator with Region 19 Education Service Center, nominated the Anthony teacher.

He was a student in her challenge grant program at UT El Paso, and she liked what she saw of his work.

“He is very knowledgeable; he is good at all kinds of things. He makes sure the students are interested.”

Price’s recognition also reflects a major career adjustment for a man who first went to NMSU in 1988 with the intention of getting a degree in geology.

Price, 49, was an operations supervisor for an oil field service company for 10 years. He saw the company was going bankrupt and decided to go back to school to further his education with a degree in geology. In working his way through college, he was an assistant circulation manager for the *El Paso Times* supervising high school students who solicited newspaper subscriptions. He made good grades a condition of students being able to work for him.

As he worked with students he found himself becoming more interested in educating young people than in studying rocks. As a result, he switched majors and graduated from NMSU with a degree in education in 1992.

Price began his teaching career that year in the Fabens ISD where he said he “began to come into my own as a classroom teacher... (his) first teaching position after 12 years of oilfield experience.” He taught fourth- and fifth-graders for three years.

He then went on to teach at the elementary level in the Tornillo ISD for three years before coming to Anthony in 1998.

He got his master’s in education in 2001 as an instructional specialist in computer technology.

Price says his goal is for the students to understand that the computer is not just a toy with which to surf the Internet. “It is a tool; it can help them solve problems and accomplish tasks.”

While solving problems and accomplishing

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One perspective

By Francis Shrum

Crazy old men

He's my uncle by marriage, not blood, but you'd never know it. He's been an integral part of our family and my life almost as long as I can remember — which, admittedly, is longer some days than others.

He retired from the U.S. Postal Service recently but in the meantime he's had about every hobby known to man. Through the ups and downs of raising two boys, loving and losing his wife, and living life, his sense of humor and simple appreciation for having been given another day has been an inspiration to me.

Now retired, he has become an antiques dealer.

In short, he's a crazy old man.

Now, that might sound like an insult, except it's not. It's a compliment. The world is full of them and they are the under-appreciated and unsung heroes of our society.

It's time they were given a little

recognition.

There's this other fellow I know, who is also related to me by marriage, though distantly. He's has so many health problems they can't count them all and sometimes he is unable to get around on his own. But he makes stuff. All kinds of stuff, from wooden toy trains and pop guns to useful kitchen gadgets, all so ingenious it leaves you scratching your head and wondering where on earth he came up with that idea.

He's so prolific that he takes his wares around to all these gatherings like county fairs and festivals and arts and crafts shows. His ideas are always new, fresh, and inspirational, bringing to mind a simpler time when kids enjoyed playing with a spinning top instead of a Gameboy, and we ladies actually spent some time in the kitchen.

Like my uncle, he has a wonderful sense of humor and is just plain fun to hang around.

He's a crazy old man, too.

There used to be more appreciation for this wonderful bunch of guys, those who have reached the age where they don't have to go out and break their backs anymore to make a living but are far too young to throw in the towel. They used to play checkers down at the hardware store and dispense wisdom and gossip for free, do a little carpentry or fix a car for the widow ladies, help keep the church or community center in good repair, and made sure their grandkids got home safely after school and did their homework when Mom had to be out of the house.

Well, they still do all these things,

it's just that our communities are so much bigger and we're all moving so fast that we don't notice their contribution as much as we should.

The best thing I like about crazy old men is how much they like their families and stay involved in what they are doing, especially in the lives of grandchildren, nieces and nephews. The relationship between older men and their young relatives can be a source of extraordinary fulfillment and extreme good humor.

Another relative of mine was taking his grandkids to a buffet-style restaurant for lunch recently. In the car on the way he told them he might forget what their exact ages are, so that if he made a mistake when telling the cashier, they should just smile and nod. Then one of the youngsters piped up and, in all seriousness, asked: You do remember our names, don't you, Granddad?

My grandfather was definitely a crazy old man — he smoked an oversized pipe and would fall asleep riding in the truck with it still in his mouth. At the very moment I was sure it was going to slip off his lower lip he would miraculously retrieve it. He was colorful and eccentric and he used to teach me the oddest little poetic jingles. When I was hurt and crying, he would gather me onto his knee and bounce me furiously up and down until my teeth rattled. I always stopped crying just so he would stop bouncing.

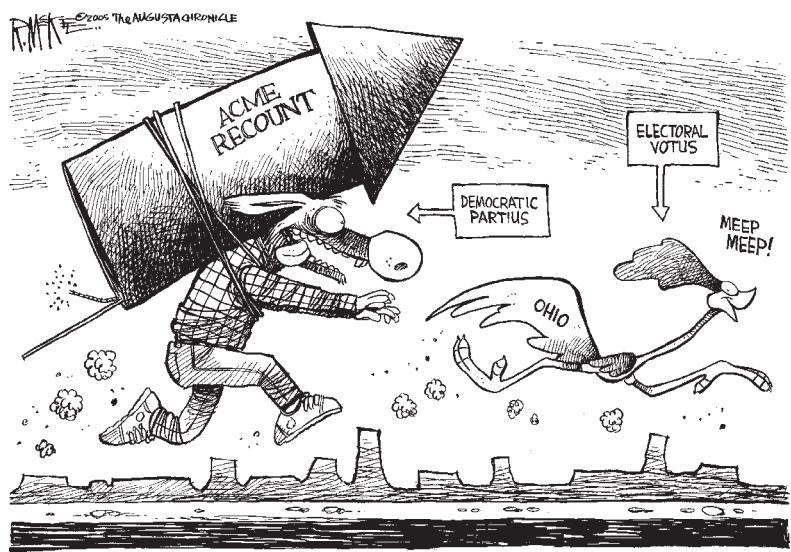
It has often been said that being a little bit crazy is not necessarily a bad thing. Like a vaccination against smallpox or the hair of the dog that bit you, it can keep you from going insane.

I can personally vouch for the fact that input from a crazy old man has salvaged my sanity on more than one occasion.

The loving inspiration I've been given from the crazy old men in my life has been considerable. For example, just the another night, talking to my retired-postal-worker-turned-antiques-dealer of an uncle, he complimented me on something I had written.

You're a lot smarter than I thought you were, he said.

Now that's encouraging.



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Briefs

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fine arts collection and glimpses of the behind-the-scenes activity in the flower shop and kitchens are also shown. For additional information on this and future programming, call 532-7273.

■ The 6th Annual Americas Cup Cheer and Dance Competition sponsored by the National Cheerleaders Association (NCA), National Dance Alli-

ance (NDA), and the Cheerleader and Danz Team, will be Feb- 25-26, 2005 in the Americas High School Blazer Gym. The dance competition Friday, Feb. 25, 6-10 p.m., and the Cheer competition will be Saturday, Feb. 26 at 11 a.m. Entry fee per dance and cheer category is \$20.00. Deadline to enter a team is Friday, February 18, 2005.

■ Montwood High School's Awesome Blossoms program is taking orders for St. Valentine's Day again this year. As part of the Floral Design program, the school operates

a flower shop throughout the school year and money from the sales goes back into the training program. For St. Valentine's Day, the shop is offering one dozen arranged roses for \$49.95, plus matching stuffed animals and balloons. An all-day sale of St. Valentine's items will be in the high school's Commons on Feb. 11 and Feb. 14. Awesome Blossoms will also be open Feb. 13th for flower pick-up. For more information call 937-2659 or e-mail scrout@sisd.net.

■ The Navy Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps group at Montwood High School is sponsoring a spaghetti dinner, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria, 12000 Montwood Drive. For the price of \$5 in advance, \$6 at the door, diners can enjoy spaghetti, salad, garlic bread and a drink prepared by El Paso's Johnny Carino's restaurants — and more. Musical entertainment will also be provided, and the program includes a silent auction of gift certificates and merchandise. For more information, call the school's NJROTC office, 937-2559.

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Reyes Reports

By U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes

HUBZone Caucus to aid El Paso businesses

El Paso small businesses will benefit from increased advocacy through the creation of the Congressional HUBZone Caucus.

I am now a member of the newly-created Congressional HUBZone Caucus, which will provide increased Congressional oversight and support for the Historically Underutilized Business Zone (HUBZone) Empowerment Contracting Program.

Through the HUBZone Program, eligible firms and businesses in geographic areas of the country that suffer from high unemployment and low wages benefit from preferential consideration for federal HUBZone contracts and subcontracts. The Small Business Administration (SBA) and Congress designed the program to provide small businesses in underserved communities like El Paso with greater access to the federal marketplace.

The SBA has announced the following changes to the HUBZone program this year:

- A small business applying for HUBZone certification no longer needs to be owned exclusively by U.S. citizens. The level of required ownership by U.S. citizens is now 51 percent.
- Agricultural cooperatives can now participate in the HUBZone program along with community development corporations and Indian tribes.
- A tribal business can choose to meet the 35 percent residency at the time of application or wait until the firm actually receives a HUBZone contract.

Students can apply for internships

College students interested in becoming an intern in the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C. from the 23rd Congressional District should send a resume to one of the offices of Congressman Henry Bonilla offices by May 1, 2001.

The offices are located in Washington, D.C., San Antonio, Alpine, Laredo and Del Rio. Internships, whether in a congressional office or another workplace, provide young people with invaluable practical experience.

Interns must be able to communicate effectively orally and in writing but the most important quality is eagerness and a willingness to learn.

San Elizario

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develop sportsmanship and improve their athletic abilities,” she said.

Orozco also noted that in a way, an after school activities program such as the one San Elizario ISD can encourage kids to do better in school. At her campus, students taking part in after school tutoring will not be able to participate in the activities program because the two programs will coincide. But one way out of tutoring and into the activities program is to get better grades.

“Hopefully it will encourage our older kids into getting better grades,” Orozco said.

New beginnings

During elementary school, I found recess to be the most enjoyable part of my day. I always wished that my time outside could be extended into the afternoon. Today, I still enjoy recess, but it’s taken on an entirely different meaning. My recess is now filled with travel to the 25 counties that make up the 23rd district. I spend quality time with my district staff and educate myself on the issues affecting our part of the state. It’s a great way to get in touch with the people who matter the most: my constituents.

As we start fresh with a new year, I think now is an important time to focus on ways we can work together and strengthen our republic. We are a nation at war, and we must continue to support our troops and our President. We must also address the important issues facing America. There are several legislative priorities this Congress must address.

As a member of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee, I am dedicated to rebuilding our national defense. We must continue to support our men and women in uniform who have taken an oath to defend and protect our nation. As our troops face new challenges, we must demonstrate the true commitment for our armed services.

I am honored to serve as Chairman of the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee. As Chairman, I oversee

hundreds of state and national agriculture programs. Last year’s spending bill was great for Texas agriculture producers. Many of the programs funded will directly impact farmers and ranchers in the 23rd district and throughout our great state, as well as our nation. I remain dedicated to keeping the agriculture industry strong and healthy.

Beyond my subcommittee positions in the House of Representatives, I want each of you to know that I will not back down on the issues I have fought for since my first days in Congress. We must continue to provide meaningful tax relief to the people of America — especially considering our current economic conditions. Now more than ever, we also need to look out for the small businesses of America. They are the back-bone of our country. Small businesses should be protected so they have the opportunity to grow and flourish. I’ll also continue my work on the Texas/Mexico border; I’ll aim for better health research funding; and of course, I’ll shoot for the stars when it comes to educating our nation’s children. After more than a decade of commitment to these issues, we’ve seen remarkable results. But we’re not finished. This year will bring us one step closer to accomplishing our goals and making the 23rd district better than ever.

The bell has rung and recess is over. We have significant issues on our horizon. By implementing commonsense conservatism, we can reach solutions that will help both Texas and America. Now is the time for Congress to come together and serve the needs of our country.



By U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla

Eye on D.C.

Public Hearing Fabens Independent School District

2005 — 2006 School Year Calendar

The Fabens Independent School District intends to apply for a waiver of the prohibition concerning the date of the first day of instruction for students for the 2005 — 2006 school year. Fabens ISD intends to begin instruction for students for the 2005 — 2006 school year earlier than the state mandated date of August 22, 2005.

A public hearing to discuss the first day of instruction for students for the 2005 — 2006 school year will be held as follows:

Date: February 10, 2005
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Site: Fabens Independent School District
Central Administration Building
821 NE “G” Avenue
Fabens, Texas 79838

For further information, please call the Central Office at 764-2025.

Junta Publica Distrito Escolar Independiente de Fabens

Calendario Escolar de 2005 — 2006

El distrito de Fabens está propocionando de applicar para un permiso del estado para poder cambiar la fecha del comienzo del año escolar de 2005 — 2006. El distrito tiene intención de comenzar el primer día de instruction el antes del mandato del estado que principiá el 22 de agosto 2005.

Una junta para la comunidad para discutir este propósito para el año escolar de 2005 — 2006 se llevará a cabo el 10 de febrero 2005 a las 6:00 p.m. en las oficinas administrativas del distrito escolar de Fabens en 821 NE “G” Avenue, Fabens, TX 79838.

Para mas información pueden llamar al Oficina de Central al numero 764-2025.
WTCC: 02-03-05

Public Hearing Canutillo Independent School District

2005 — 2006 School Year Calendar

The Canutillo Independent School District intends to apply for a waiver of the prohibition concerning the date of the first day of instruction for students for the 2005 — 2006 school year. Canutillo ISD intends to begin instruction for students for the 2005 — 2006 school year earlier than the state mandated date of August 22, 2005.

A public hearing to discuss the first day of instruction for students for the 2005 — 2006 school year will be held as follows:

Date: February 3, 2005
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Site: Canutillo Independent School District
Central Administration Building
7965 Artcraft Road
El Paso, Texas 79932

For further information, please call the Public Information Office at 877-7482.

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Una junta para la comunidad para discutir este propósito para el año escolar 2005-2006 se llevará a cabo el 3 de febrero del 2005 a las 6:00 p.m. en las oficinas administrativas del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Canutillo en 7965 Artcraft Road.

Para mas información llamar a la Oficina de Información Publica al telefono 877-7482.
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Alba signs intent agreement with UTPB

It’s official — Americas High School volleyball player Ashley Alba signed a letter of intent Jan. 27 to play the sport for the University of Texas of the Permian Basin in Odessa.

Alba, a senior on the Americas squad, was recruited by UTPB Falcons volleyball coach and athletic director, Steve Aicinena.

“She sent me a tape, which was very good, and contacted me really early by e-mail. She came to our try-outs and was very effective as a defensive player, performed well, and exhibited a very positive attitude. She’s also a very good setter,” Aicinena says.

Alba will receive financial support though she doesn’t know how much when she starts school. Alba plans to teach young children.

Americas volleyball coach Alicia Gomez says Alba is “such a hard worker. She’s such a giver on the court; she’s there for her teammates and, being that she’s a center, she touches every second ball so she’s got to work so hard to be a solid force on every play.”

“I’ve been playing volleyball since



— Photo courtesy Socorro ISD

IT’S OFFICIAL — Americas High School volleyball star Ashley Alba plans to play for the University of Texas of the Permian Basin. UTPB volleyball coach and athletic director Steve Aicinena was present for the signing.

the sixth grade,” Alba says, “I thrive on the competition. I love to compete, and I love to play for fun but everybody loves to win.”

She says she’s excited about attending UTPB and eager to leave El

Paso, but she’s “a little bit” worried about leaving home.

“My family’s here, and I’m very close to my family but I know that they will be down to see me,” she said.

Defibrillator

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and it, too, will find itself naked to the onslaught. Each year in the United States alone, heart failure infiltrates our unsuspecting, elderly troops, to the tune of almost 1 million hospital admissions and 50,000 deaths. Its incidence and prevalence is on the rise, and they are likely to increase still further as our population ages. So, let the “baby boomers” beware! No solace can be taken in a contemporary “Lili Marlene,” “Radio Free Europe,” or “Radio Saigon.”

The current battle plan and medical logistics are particularly important to me, as my father was a victim of the “Terminator” on March 30, 2004. As he lay in my arms at home, and I observed first hand his rapid breathing and heart rate, wheezing and gagging, pale color of his skin, and, finally, dilated pupils and respiratory and cardiac arrest, all in a matter of minutes, I knew I was in trouble. Years of medical experience vanished at that sight, and I felt totally impotent at that

moment. They say that hearing and touch are the last things to go, when someone dies. As his muscles became flaccid, I jumped into action. It was a losing battle, however, as I had neither the drugs nor instrumentation for advanced life support, as my basic life support (CPR) technique was rusty, as I knew that it would take more than six minutes for the paramedics to arrive, and as I was fully aware of the fact that even if I succeeded in resuscitating my father at home, the current medical literature suggested that there was a 75 percent chance that he would not make it anyway. If I had only possessed an automatic external defibrillator (AED) yesterday, I might not feel so much guilt today. “Defibrillator” might not have evened the score, but it would have leveled the playing field.

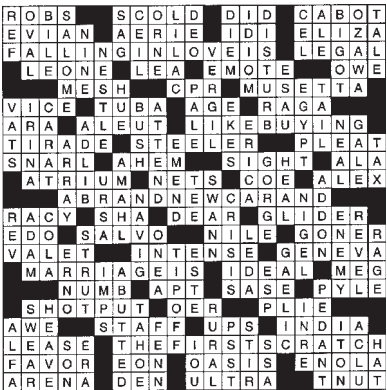
Sudden cardiac arrest kills an average of 930 people every day, and, while CPR (two lung inflations for every 15 chest compressions, and a rate of 100 compressions per minute) is an essential stopgap measure until the paramedics arrive, it usually takes longer than we would hope and pray. Severe cardiac arrhythmia or arrest without CPR within the first 4 to 6 minutes has a poor outcome even if defibrillation is later successful. The “Terminator” will inevitably triumph, when life support is not instituted within the first 8 minutes of arrest or ventricular fibrillation. Once anoxic encephalopathy — brain damage from lack of oxygen, or hypoxia — sets in, the point is mute. The patient will never be the same, and the “Good Samaritan” or family member will curse both the day he or she was born and the so-called “successful” resuscitative effort.

On Sept. 16, 2004, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) agreed for the first time to allow consumers to purchase AEDs, like the Philips HeartStart Home Defibrillator for \$1,495, online at amazon.com, for example. It does not take a lot of know-how to use a home defibrillator, but speed and easy access to it are of the essence. “Defibrillator” must act within 5 minutes of the skirmish, in order to vanquish the “Terminator.” Shocking the heart back to some semblance of normality within that limited and precise time frame can quadruple the chances of survival. Had “Defibrillator” been available to me on March 30, 2004, I would not feel so much guilt right now. The memories of my poor father’s demise and his ghost will haunt me forever, but the brand new portable AED in the trunk of my car will stop the “Terminator” in his tracks the next time he decides to pay a friend, family member, or innocent pedestrian a visit. That will be my “shock and awe!”

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Canutillo Independent School District Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance Governmental Funds For the Year Ended August 31, 2004

Data Control Codes	10 General Fund	60 Capital Projects	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:				
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 9,333,309	\$ 307,584	\$ 1,250,252	\$ 10,891,145
5800 State Program Revenues	22,296,322	—	2,866,932	25,163,254
5900 Federal Program Revenues	2,973,285	—	5,300,770	8,274,055
5020 Total Revenues	34,602,916	307,584	9,417,954	44,328,454
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
0011 Instruction	17,891,614	—	2,730,784	20,622,398
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	479,970	—	360,026	839,996
0013 Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	481,260	—	865,711	1,346,971
0021 Instructional Leadership	862,383	—	276,918	1,139,301
0023 School Leadership	1,659,356	—	11,380	1,670,736
0031 Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	776,289	—	106,351	882,640
0032 Social Work Services	82,439	—	4,097	86,536
0033 Health Services	293,732	—	7,827	301,559
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	1,213,861	—	13,489	1,227,350
0035 Food Services	2,704,292	—	244,925	2,949,217
0036 Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	682,460	—	500	682,960
0041 General Administration	1,727,329	—	9,396	1,736,725
0051 Plant Maintenance and Operations	3,757,941	—	52,544	3,810,485
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	9,060	—	296	9,356
0053 Data Processing Services	430,354	—	73,175	503,529
0061 Community Services	410,313	—	421,945	832,258
Debt Service:				
0071 Debt Service - Principal on long-term debt	575,000	—	1,775,000	2,350,000
0072 Debt Service - Interest on long-term debt	218,228	—	2,113,370	2,331,598
0073 Debt Service -Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	6,500	—	64,488	70,988
Capital Outlay:				
0081 Facilities Acquisition and Construction	11,100	10,573,673	3,087,671	13,672,444
Intergovernmental:				
0093 Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member District of	—	—	843,753	843,753
6030 Total Expenditures	34,273,481	10,573,673	13,063,646	57,910,800
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	329,435	(10,266,089)	(3,645,692)	(13,582,346)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
7911 Capital-related Debt Issued (Regular Bonds)	—	—	2,485,000	2,485,000
7916 Premium or Discount on Issuance of Bonds	—	—	63,172	63,172
8949 Other (Uses)	—	—	(2,500,000)	(2,500,000)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	—	—	48,172	48,172
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	329,435	(10,266,089)	(3,597,520)	(13,534,174)
0100 Fund Balance — September 1 (Beginning)	6,481,881	28,027,907	5,833,110	40,342,898
3000 Fund Balance — August 31 (Ending)	\$ 6,811,316	\$17,761,818	\$ 2,235,590	\$ 26,808,724



Los Angeles from a junior high perspective

By Emily Baker
Special to the Courier

TORNILLO — There are places in this country where teenagers often have opportunities to hang out at the beach and explore outside their communities. Tornillo is not one of those places. Many Tornillo students have never even been outside of El Paso County. Recently, some of those students were given a unique opportunity. As a reward for behavior, grades and attendance, 34 students were invited to go on a trip to the grand metropolis of Los Angeles, California. It was an exciting voyage to a world as unlike Tornillo as could be imagined.

Our trip began on Tuesday, Jan. 11 with a bus ride to Albuquerque, New Mexico where we caught the Amtrak train “Southwest Chief” to Los Angeles. We arrived at Union Station in Los Angeles the next morning. From there we boarded the charter bus that would take us on a whirlwind tour of the city.

After freshening up from our long journey, we were ready for our first

stop, the port of Long Beach. Long Beach is a major hub for both land and sea transportation. The port itself is larger than Tornillo, Fabens, and Socorro combined. The size of the port facilities is truly staggering. While in Long Beach, we also viewed the Queen Mary, a former cruise ship, now a hotel, used for weddings and other celebrations. Resting next to the Queen Mary was a Russian submarine called the Scor-

pion. Everyone wanted their picture taken in front of the two vessels. What an inspiring sight!

Our next stop on the day’s excursion through the vast metropolis was Venice Beach where students experienced the cold water and wonderful sand of the beach. The students loved getting wet, walking barefoot in the sand and shopping.

Our final stops centered around Hollywood. We visited Grauman’s

Chinese Theater, where prints of celebrities are preserved in cement, and the Hollywood Walk of Fame, which displayed stars earned for accomplishments in music, television and film. Some students even had their picture taken with Spiderman, The Count of Monte Cristo, and other characters from film.

Most of the students agree that the highlight of the trip was seeing the Ferrari and Lamborghini dealerships. We even saw someone pull out of the dealership in a brand new

Lamborghini. Cameras clicked rapidly to preserve the essence of seeing the revered automobiles. Our final stop was the Farmer’s Market. Around 10:30 we returned to Union Station where we embarked on our journey to El Paso aboard another train.

The trip was a fascinating and enriching experience. Many students are already planning a return visit with their families. The excitement of our bold travelers is inspiring others to qualify for the next trip, which is scheduled for mid-February.

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— Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD

Alfonso Borrego, Sr. Elementary School principal Sylvia Hopp and San Elizario superintendent Dr. Mike Quatrini display a Certificate of Achievement as well as a Medal of Excellence, which were presented to the campus by the Education Service Center at Region 19, Monday, January 24, 2005. The campus received “Recognized” status from the Texas Education Association for its 2004 accountability rating.

Price

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tasks, Price feels the students can have fun.

“When kids have fun, they have fun, and they are engaged (in the task). They are learning, and the effort is 100 percent.” He says they can be frustrated when something doesn’t work. But at the same time they are challenged to solve the problem when they can’t figure out just why it isn’t working.

“With some much information coming at them, I want them to become critical thinkers.”

Superintendent Vern Butler is high in his praise of Price.

“He has a very upbeat teacher; he has a heart for the kids. He is a team player and is always ready to roll up his sleeves and get involved.”

In addition to teaching robotics and computer technology, Price is also the junior varsity girl’s basketball coach and the varsity softball coach.

Clint Independent School District Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance Governmental Funds For the Year Ended August 31, 2004

	General Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:					
Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 6,804,929	\$ 1,038,794	\$ 226,708	\$ 293,792	\$ 8,364,223
State Program Revenues	45,029,570	5,656,179	—	1,082,190	51,767,939
Federal Program Revenues	311,298	—	—	7,091,738	7,403,036
Total Revenues	52,145,797	6,694,973	226,708	8,467,720	67,535,198
EXPENDITURES:					
Current:					
Instruction	25,357,882	—	—	3,077,250	28,435,132
Instructional Resources and Media Services	644,819	—	—	31,366	676,185
Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	366,603	—	—	639,391	1,005,994
Instructional Leadership	760,119	—	—	530,637	1,290,756
School Leadership	3,399,560	—	—	45,771	3,445,331
Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	1,066,461	—	—	509,622	1,576,083
Social Work Services	90,003	—	—	451	90,454
Health Services	384,878	—	—	5,119	389,997
Student (Pupil) Transportation	2,080,162	—	—	27,397	2,107,559
Food Services	—	—	—	2,751,640	2,751,640
Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	1,709,300	—	—	500	1,709,800
General Administration	2,331,918	—	—	65,255	2,397,173
Plant Maintenance and Operations	5,804,628	—	216,733	169,526	6,190,887
Security and Monitoring Services	901,461	—	—	21,154	922,615
Data Processing Services	1,003,900	—	—	6,458	1,010,358
Community Services	60,986	—	—	68,677	129,663
Debt Service:					
Debt Service - Principal on long-term debt	21,393	2,835,000	—	—	2,856,393
Debt Service - Interest on long-term debt	1,380	3,769,331	—	—	3,770,711
Debt Service -Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	—	2,288	—	—	2,288
Capital Outlay:					
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	198,445	—	17,581,917	—	17,780,362
Total Expenditures	46,183,898	6,606,619	17,798,650	7,950,214	78,539,381
Net Change in Fund Balances	5,961,899	88,354	(17,571,942)	517,506	(11,004,183)
Fund Balance — September 1 (Beginning)	5,067,419	248,559	35,857,463	835,378	42,008,819
Fund Balance — August 31 (Ending)	\$11,029,318	\$ 336,913	\$18,285,521	\$1,352,884	\$ 31,004,636

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

Yes, the Super Bowl is here, and that alone is a reason to celebrate. A reason to invite your friends over and indulge in buffalo wings,

Down through the years super teams have played on football's super day. The Pittsburgh Steelers had names like Bradshaw, Swann, Stallworth, Franco, Lambert and Mean Joe.

Don't believe me? The Philadelphia Eagles

As far as the game itself, I'm like most other prognosticators and don't give the Eagles much of a chance. I think the Patriots are about 16 points better than Philadelphia, who already exorcised its demons against the Atlanta Falcons just to get here.

Let's just hope the lack of stars is made up for by an exciting last-second play that decides the game. If that doesn't happen, I'll just reach for some more pizza snacks.

Boy, I'll say. With all her aggressive anti-social behavior, where does she think she is — the NBA?

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1 Thieves

5 Dress down

10 Accomplished

13 English explorer

18 French spa

20 Home on high

21 A mean Amin

22 "Pygmalion" role

23 Start of a remark

by Gene Perret

26 On the up and up

27 Director Sergio

28 Grazing ground

29 Overact

31 Have a mortgage

32 Become

engaged?

34 EMT's skill

36 "La Boheme" girl

39 Depravity

42 Heavy metal

instrument?

45 Mellow

47 Rajasthani rhythm

48 Coach Parseghian

49 Kayak commander

50 Part 2 of remark

54 Verbal explosion

56 Pittsburgh player

58 Skirt feature

60 Tangle

61 "May I interrupt?"

62 Vision

65 Cookbook phrase

66 Impressive lobby

68 Catches cod

71 Runner Sebastian

72 Karras or Haley

73 Part 3 of remark

77 Suggestive

80 _ Na Na

81 Beloved

82 Type of aircraft

85 Maestro de Waart

86 Fusillade

88 Khartoum's river

90 Hopeless case

92 Jeeves or

Passepartout

94 Focused

97 Watchful city?

98 Part 4 of remark

101 Perfect

103 One of the

Marches

104 Anesthetize

105 Fitting

106 Manuscript enc.

107 Goofy Gomer

108 Field event

111 "_ the fields we go..."

113 Ballet movement

115 Overwhelm

116 Recruit personnel

118 Good times

56 Pittsburgh player

121 Sari site

124 Rent

127 End of remark

131 Party present

132 Myriads of moons

133 "Midnight at the _"

('74 hit)

134 "_ Gay"

135 Fight site

136 Room for relaxing

137 Marine leader?

138 Hardware item

DOWN

1 Sports official

2 Face shape

3 Ill temper

4 She knew how to get a head

5 Droop

6 Do overhead

plastering

7 Sarah _ Jewett

8 Pale purple

9 "_ volente"

10 "Carpe _"

11 Turn of phrase

12 Bother

13 "Fantasia" frame

14 Fish-and-chips accompaniment

15 Chauvinist

16 Conductor Seiji

17 Yarn

19 Muse count

24 Snuggle up

25 "The Aeneid"

author

30 Jacob's twin

33 Tint

35 "_ Rider" ('85 film)

37 Neighbor of Libya

38 Kite part

39 Places to dye

40 One of "The Three Sisters"

41 Jeweler's weight

43 41st or 43rd

President

44 Be there

46 Gets by, with "out"

49 Impromptu

51 Author Jong

52 Patricia of "Hud"

53 Wild wind

55 Deck out

57 Edit a text

59 Duty

61 Menotti title

character

63 Have thirds and fourths?

64 Cure

67 _ Minor

69 Peg for Palmer

70 Footballer Lynn

72 Option

74 Maritime abbr.

75 Turning point

76 Actor Bruce

77 Part of IRS

78 Eliot's "_ Bede"

79 Fountain order

83 Foe

84 Party hearty

86 Walk like a rooster

87 Recruit-to-be

89 Helen of Troy's mom

91 Wrath

93 Cubist Rubik?

95 Warning

96 Tivoli's Villa d'_

97 Ancient tongue

99 Little devils

100 Bordered on

102 Kreskin's letters

107 Know-it-all

108 Vow

109 Throw forcefully

110 Resort lake

112 Bucolic

114 Memo start

115 _ Romeo

117 Actress Sherilyn

119 "Yo!" at the library

120 Move a bit

122 "Blame _ the Bossa Nova" ('63 hit)

123 Bill of Rights grp.

125 Every guy is one

126 Cy Young stat

128 Debtor's letters

129 Govt. agency

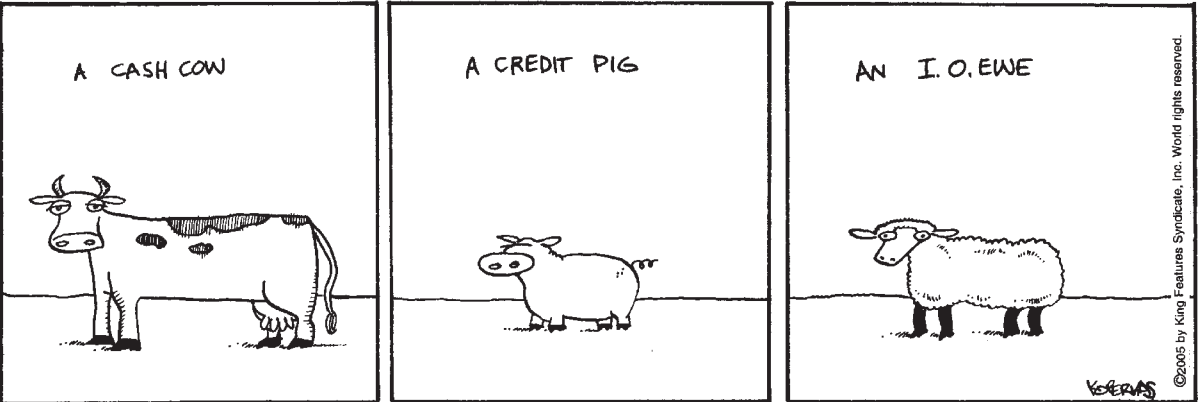
130 Beaver or beret

Answer Page 4

Comix

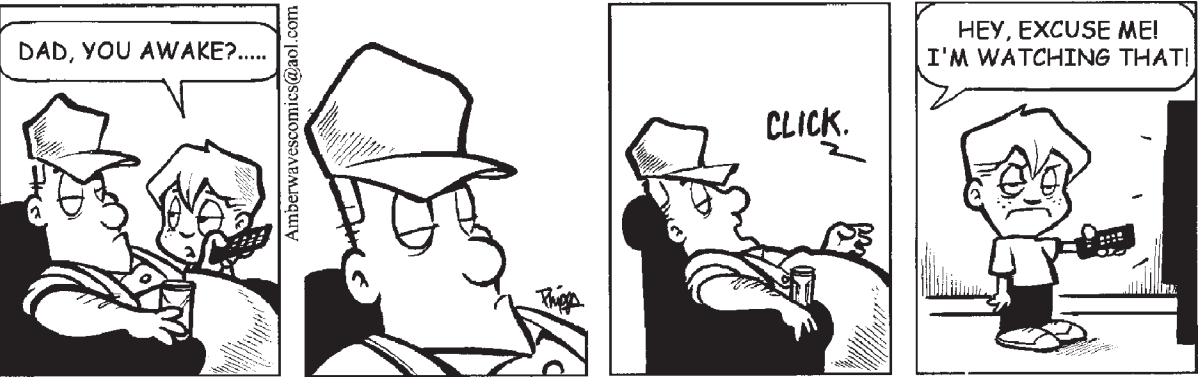
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Beware, the end is near

By Don Flood

“When the moon hits your eye like a big pizza pie,” goes the old song, but — sorry Dean Martin fans — that may not be amore anymore.

That “moon” may be Mickey Rooney’s butt.

Thankfully, Americans were recently spared the sight of Mickey Rooney’s 84-year-old backside on Super Bowl Sunday.

But you never know when the end is coming.

Fox TV pulled the ad featuring Rooney’s backside, created for a natural cold remedy named Airborne, after deeming it “inappropriate” and after Homeland Security threatened to raise the nation’s threat level to Code Purple, a new warning designed to alert Americans to the possibility of a major wardrobe malfunction.

But Rooney, perhaps looking for a fitting end to his career, was angry.

“There’s nothing sensual about the brief exposure of my backside,” Rooney said, later adding, “It’s a fun spot, and the public deserves to see it.”

I’m with Rooney part of the way here. Even without benefit (?) of seeing the ad, I’m willing to agree the commercial probably is not sensual, except perhaps to a lovesick rhinoceros suffering from acne.

However, I’m not sure the public has done anything to “deserve” seeing it, especially on a national holiday when millions of young children, vulnerable people and members of Congress may be watching.

The purpose of the ad, according to a company spokesman, was to create “buzz,” an advertising term meaning “something vague and useless that we can charge a lot of money for.”

Here’s how “buzz” works, as shown in a typical water cooler conversation on Super Bowl Monday:

VIEWER 1: Some game, huh? My friends and I were especially glad to see that commercial featuring Mickey Rooney’s butt.

VIEWER 2: Yes, seeing Rooney’s backside helped build brand awareness for that natural cold remedy they were selling.

VIEWER 1: What was its name again?

VIEWER 2: Airborne — let’s go shopping and buy some together at lunchtime!

Oh, I’m just being sarcastic again. (It happens!) “Buzz” wouldn’t necessarily result in that exact workplace conversation, unless you work where I do.

But “buzz” is that that excitement that surrounds a product, the feeling that buying it will make you feel hip and cool.

So that when you go into a drug store and see Airborne you won’t just think, Oh, another “natural” cold remedy.

No, you’ll immediately associate it — perhaps subconsciously — with Mickey Rooney’s butt and think to yourself, “That’s the one for me.”

So where will all this end? (Ha!) One person to ask would be Jose Miranda, who is — and this is absolutely true — a rumpologist for a Spanish-language TV show in Miami.

(In a victory for diversity, Miami also boasts some English-language TV shows.)

Miranda reads people’s rear ends — on live TV! — the way other psychics read palms. People drop their pants on television for the privilege of having their fortunes told!

Not surprisingly, this segment is the most popular part of the show. After all, everybody’s interested in the future.

Of course, I’m not sure they’d tune in if it was Mickey Rooney.

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Sunshine and some clouds.	Partly cloudy.	Sunshine and patchy clouds.	Mostly cloudy with afternoon rain possible.	Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain.	Partly sunny.	Sun and some clouds.	Times of clouds and sun.
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UV INDEX

Statistics for noon.

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

Thursday 5Moderate

Friday 5Moderate

Saturday 4Low

Sunday 4Low

Monday 5Moderate

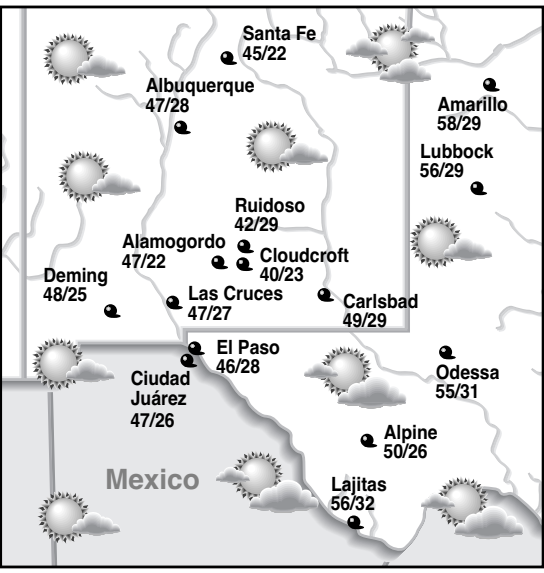
Tuesday 5Moderate

Wednesday 5Moderate

TEXAS WEATHER

Anthony	48	29
Canutillo	48	29
Clint	47	30
E. Montana	46	28
Fabens	47	30
Horizon	48	29
San Elizario	45	26
Socorro	46	27
Tornillo	47	30
Vinton	48	29

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



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Albuquerque	47/28/s	53/28/s	53/30/s	53/31/pc	55/35/s
Atlanta	42/37/r	56/40/pc	60/42/s	62/42/s	62/35/sh
Atlantic City	40/24/pc	41/27/sn	49/31/pc	44/34/c	45/23/c
Austin/San Antonio	55/34/s	64/40/s	64/45/pc	65/46/r	61/42/sh
Baltimore	42/28/c	44/30/sn	46/30/pc	46/28/c	46/23/c
Boston	36/28/sn	38/28/sn	42/28/c	39/32/c	43/26/c
Chicago	40/28/pc	44/28/pc	42/30/pc	44/28/r	34/20/s
Dallas/Ft. Worth	52/38/s	62/42/s	63/44/pc	60/42/c	57/39/sh
Denver	53/28/s	60/28/s	54/24/pc	45/21/pc	48/25/s
Flagstaff	42/18/s	44/16/s	44/20/s	46/22/s	49/27/s
Houston	56/39/pc	65/45/s	70/52/pc	68/47/sh	64/42/sh
Kansas City	53/36/pc	58/38/pc	52/29/pc	42/21/c	37/27/s
Las Vegas	64/42/s	64/42/s	64/44/s	66/42/s	64/46/s
Miami	78/58/t	72/55/sh	74/58/s	76/62/s	80/62/pc
Minneapolis	40/26/pc	38/18/c	26/8/sn	20/9/sn	20/12/c
New Orleans	58/43/c	62/44/s	67/52/s	69/52/pc	64/46/sh
New York City	38/30/pc	38/32/sn	45/32/c	44/36/c	44/28/c
Philadelphia	42/28/pc	42/32/sn	46/32/pc	46/30/c	45/25/c
Phoenix	68/47/s	70/47/s	70/49/pc	72/49/s	72/52/s
Portland	54/38/pc	52/38/pc	50/36/r	51/36/sh	51/36/r
San Francisco	60/47/s	60/47/s	60/46/s	59/46/s	58/45/c
Seattle	52/40/r	48/38/r	46/36/r	47/35/c	50/37/r
Tucson	64/40/s	68/42/s	68/42/pc	65/40/pc	62/38/pc
Washington, DC	44/30/c	46/30/r	48/30/pc	49/35/pc	48/27/c

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