



NEWSBRIEFS

Operation: child safety

The El Paso County Sheriff's Office has assigned the Traffic Section to the "Click It or Ticket," team. The deputies will work targeted shifts through June 4. Some of the areas with a high visibility of enforcement include:

- Doniphan between Borderland and Vinton;
- Desert Meadows between HWY 62-180 and Greg;
- Fabens Rd.; and
- Socorro Rd.

El Paso County Sheriff's Office subscribes to a "Zero Tolerance Policy" on the safety of children in a vehicle, an assertive measure assumed in June 2003 after a sudden rash of fatalities, and the death of several children who were not wearing seat belts or in a child passenger safety seat. "Our deputies have seen enough carnage — unnecessarily — over the years. The message is loud and clear, if you don't take the responsibility for the safety of your children in a car, you're going to jail," said Jimmy Apodaca, Chief Deputy, El Paso County Sheriff's Office. As of Friday, May 20, 2005 the El Paso County Sheriff's Office has recorded 10 fatalities compared to one at this time last year. Contributing factor in three deaths was no seat belt.

Operation: teen safety

"You spend all your school years thinking about one thing, graduating from high school. In the heat of the moment, you don't think about your actions, and in a split second you're facing a life-altering decision with grave consequences. We want graduates to remember to think!" said Rick Glancey, public information officer for the El Paso County Sheriff's Office. This special operation will be focusing on a number of community issues including underage drinking/binge drinking, and road racing. Additional deputies will be participating in this operation on the lookout for:

- Purchase/attempt to purchase alcohol by a minor;
- Possession/consumption of alcohol by a minor;
- Misrepresentation of age by a minor;
- Driving under influence of alcohol by a minor;
- Sale of alcohol to a minor; and
- Purchasing or providing alcohol for use by a minor.

In other news

■ Two arrests have been made following a shooting in Tornillo Sunday, May 15. Jose Guadalupe Martinez, 47, of Tornillo was arrested Monday morning, May 23 and charged with murder in the shooting death of another Tornillo man, 28-year-old Gabriel Garcia. Garcia's death in the early morning hours of May 15 followed a

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He who dies with the most toys, is dead nonetheless.

— Quips & Quotes



— Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD

NEW FRIENDS — San Elizario senior Cesar Luna, an autistic child, makes his acquaintance with one of the many dolphins he was invited to swim with at Discovery Cove, Florida last week. Swimming with dolphins provides excellent therapy for people with special needs.

Special Ed student makes unique friends in life-changing adventure

By Phillip Cortez
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO — Cesar Luna has been casually going about his own business in the Special Ed department all year, sitting quietly

behind a computer and typing, filing paperwork, and performing miscellaneous assistance when needed. For many autistic children, working in an environment where there is a constant flow of communication can be a major

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— Photo courtesy Canutillo ISD

IN THE NAME OF REAL LADIES — Jenna Welch did the honors, unveiling her namesake during the El Paso Community College Northwest Campus's dedication of the Jenna Welch and Laura Bush Community Library. Shown from left are Jenna Hawkins Welch; Lydia Tena-Perez, dean of EPCC NW campus, Charles Hart, CISD Superintendent; Joe Villarreal, president of the CISD Board of Trustees; and Dr. Richard Rhodes, president, EPCC.

Canutillo's rich history includes that of Jenna Hawkins Welch, mother of First Lady Laura Bush

By Kim Guzman
Special to the Courier

UPPER VALLEY — Local students are amazed to learn that Jenna Welch, who taught the First Lady of the United States how to read,

grew up in Canutillo.

The name "Canutillo" comes from a plant that was prevalent in the Upper Valley — north of the city of El Paso — along the Rio Grande during the 1800's. Historically, the town of

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Heat wave puts precautions on the front burner

EL PASO COUNTY — Forget the thermometer. Hot is hot in Texas in the summer — whether dry and parched or humid and damp, intense heat can create serious health problems. Usually the elderly, the very young, people with chronic diseases and those without access to air conditioning are most severely affected by heat, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS).

The body normally cools itself by sweating. But under some conditions, sweating is not enough. The body's temperature may rise rapidly to dangerous levels, leading to the possibility of heat illness or death.

The combination of high temperatures and high humidity especially can cause this natural cooling system to work overtime. When humidity is high, sweat does not evaporate efficiently, preventing the body from releasing heat quickly. Other stresses to the body in hot weather include hard physical activity, fatigue, dehydration, heart disease, obesity, poor circulation, sunburn and

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City of Socorro considers allowing sale of fireworks inside their city limits

By Arleen Beard
Special to the Courier

SOCORRO — As the Fourth of July celebration nears, questions and concerns were on the minds of several people at the May 19 Socorro City Council meeting, as the suggestion to allow sale of fireworks inside city limits was considered.


Some of those people included Council members, citizens of Socorro and fireworks vendors. Council discussed the regulation that prohibits fireworks inside of and within 5000 feet outside of Socorro municipal limits.

Councilman Gary Gandara made the suggestion that since fireworks always manage to make their way into the city limits and are being set off inside the city limits, he asked Council to consider allowing the fireworks vendors to sell the fireworks inside the city limits.

This way, Gandara said, they could charge the vendors a fee for selling the fireworks and also make some money off the sales tax. Lighting the fireworks would still be prohibited inside the city limits, he suggested.

After some discussion, Council tabled the agenda item to be discussed at the upcoming special meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 25. It was stated that this would allow ample time for City Attorney Richard Contreras to introduce the first reading of any new ordinance or regulation at the following regularly scheduled meeting and the second reading at the second meeting in June.

Firework vendors would have enough time to set up stands at the designated locations, it was stated.



One perspective

By Francis Shrum

Powderkegs

People do it all the time, especially in the spring and early summer time when everybody loses their minds anyway.

You know, that feeling of mindless optimism when we tend to believe we can do anything from grow a vegetable garden to have a wedding.

Notice I didn't say live happily ever after. I said have a wedding. There's a huge difference.

In all honesty, there have been only a few big weddings that I've ever attended at which there was not just a wee tad bit of tension. Sometimes it was a great big tad bit of tension. In other words, weddings are powderkegs. To avoid explosions, they should be handled with care and only by the terribly mature, which most of us are not, especially while still at the marrying age.

And there's nothing like a wedding to take years off a woman's age, at least in terms of maturity, especially if she is the mother of the bride — or groom.

We all took our potshots at the recent runaway bride. I know, I heard them all. The tender Southern belle left groom and 600-plus guests waiting virtually at the altar. Her sins were, unfortunately, plastered wall to wall on national media. Even her prospective groom, while still avowing his love, said she needed to "get some help." But maybe she was the sane one.

There's nothing sane about the way

human beings have weddings these days.

Take two people just starting out. They are already taking huge steps in getting to know one another and learning to work together as they find a place to live, combine their finances, belongings, etc. Then dump on them all the pressure of one of the biggest social events they will ever host, built around unfamiliar in-laws, finances, food, friends, gifts, guest lists and invitations, bookings, dresses, flowers, rings, photographers, and last, but not least, feelings.

It's all enough to make one father I heard about offer to give his daughter the entire cost of her elaborate wedding up front, in cash, if she would promise to elope.

I guess maybe we figure if the couple can survive their wedding they can survive anything.

If you think everybody involved has only the best interests of the prospective husband and wife in mind, you can think again. Like most human endeavors, it's all about me — mothers with wounded pride, friends who weren't invited to be bridesmaids, relatives who didn't get the attention they felt they deserved from the new family member, and the self-employed guest who sees the crowd as an opportunity to pass out business cards.

There was actually a recent advice column in *USA Weekend* magazine which warned that modern weddings

are "a hotbed of ethical dilemmas" from deciding if you should disguise the origin of the gift you bought to whether or not you should reveal knowledge about the bride's past indiscretions when the minister asks if anyone has any reason why the couple should not be joined in holy matrimony.

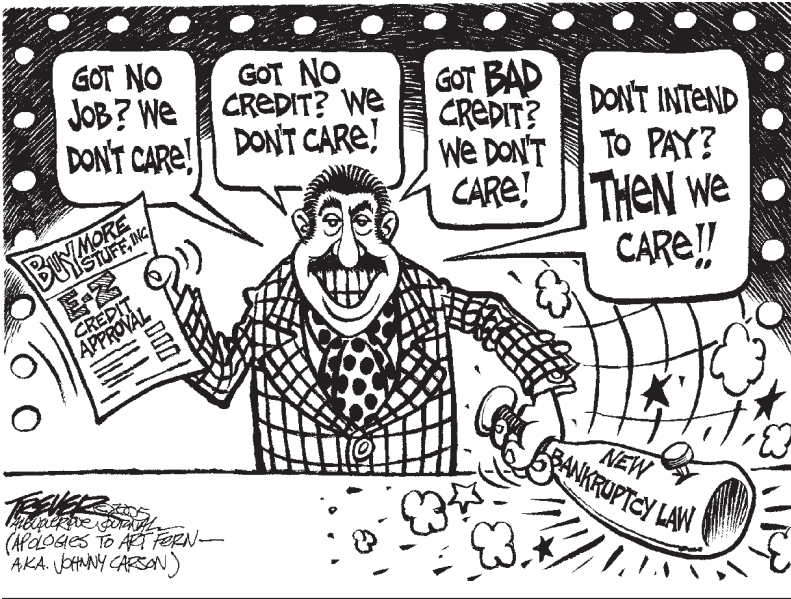
With guests like this, who needs enemies?

The magazine called in a professor of ethics from the University of San Francisco to sort through "a host of potential behavioral lapses await(ing) the nuptial guests" and to "help us wade through the murky ethical waters of the modern wedding."

Sounds pretty ominous, which is the point exactly. It's way too easy for the purpose of the wedding to get lost in the wedding itself — in the preparation, the pomp and circumstance, the emotions that can't help but get blown out of proportion during an event that is founded on emotion.

The amount of money spent on these events is equally astronomical. If the parents are going to pay for it, they should start a savings account for weddings right along with the college fund. If the couple is paying, they are likely going to start wedded bliss deep in debt. And while we all hope it is, happily ever after sometimes isn't, even before the party is paid for.

I've always thought it would be nice if two young people could get married in a quiet, private ceremony, without all the glare and pressure. Then, a few years down the road, they can stage the big wedding when they have grown a little more familiar with each other and the in-laws. I'd put money on it that the event would be tons more enjoyable.



Luna

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challenge, but Luna has steadily adapted to his surroundings.

One of the reasons may be because the San Elizario High School senior

recently had an experience that wasn't quite so routine. In fact, he just came back from the trip of a lifetime, swimming with the dolphins at Discovery Cove, Florida. Margarita Sevier, a VI Specialist in the SEISD Special Ed department, accompanied Luna and his family.

"He couldn't stop talking about it

afterwards," Sevier said. "He was even willing to go the deep end of the pool with some help. He was smiling and waving and giving hi-fives."

Sevier said that swimming with dolphins provides excellent therapy for children like Luna because it increases their level of interaction with family, friends, and, in Luna's case, even strangers in his group.

"Cesar initiated interaction with strangers, which is something he normally doesn't do," Sevier added. "This happened immediately after swimming with the dolphins."

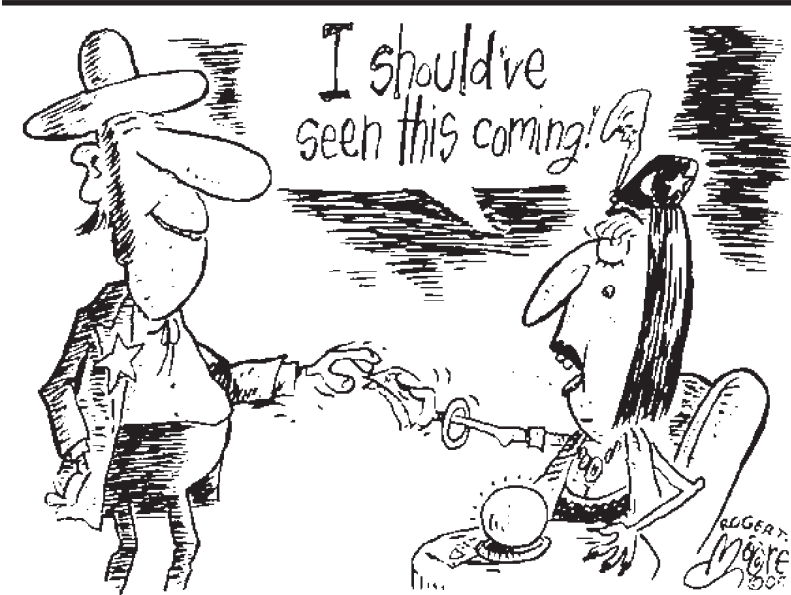
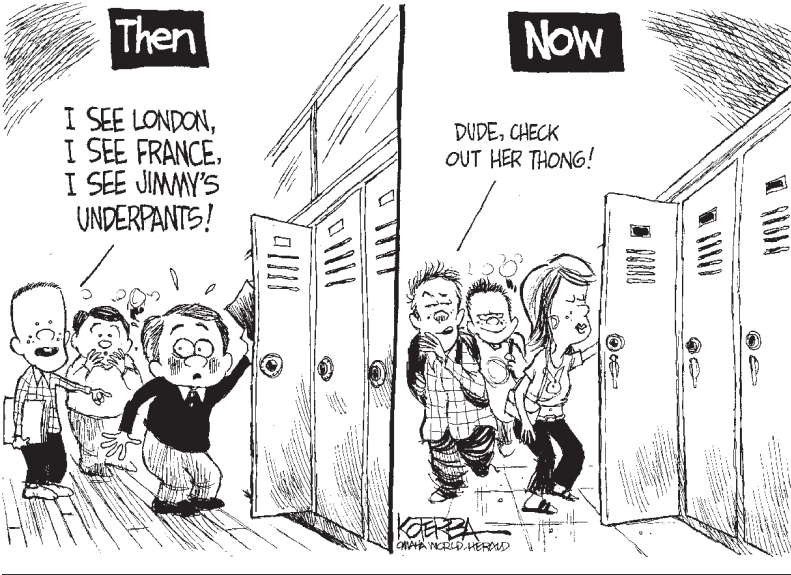
The people who have worked with Luna have also noticed quite an improvement in his social skills. Jill Gomez, who has worked with him for many years, recalled a moment last December that simply amazed her.


While visiting an elementary Life Skills classroom, a small special needs student approached Luna with an open book, asking him to read to her.

"He didn't just sound out words here and there," Gomez said. "He read to her perfectly."

Luna and the little girl, Sambrano Elementary student Cici Ortiz, have become fast friends ever since. One would be hard-pressed to hear Luna's voice prior to that moment, according to Gomez, but she said that he has developed so rapidly since that he will walk across the graduation stage this Thursday along with the rest of the class of 2005 instead of receiving his diploma in a smaller ceremony.

"It's just one of the coolest stories I've seen in all my years of working in the field," Gomez said.





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Socorro student survives trauma and earns college scholarship

By Carlos A. Briano
Special to the Courier

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — Sarah Martinez had her future pretty well thought out. Since her mother was a teacher and since she was a member of the COSMOS program at Socorro High School (Curriculum Opportunities for Science and Math Oriented Students), she knew college was a must. Martinez had researched colleges as a freshman and narrowed her options to Bowdoin College, a small campus in Brunswick, Massachusetts, that has about 4,000 students.

“I’m really interested in Biology,” she says. “At Bowdoin College they allow you to create your own major. And the small family atmosphere is what really attracted me. I knew my teachers would really care about me

and I wouldn’t be lost in a sea of people.”

Her junior year, her mother Elizabeth Maldonado, 9th Grade Initiative Program Director at Socorro High School, took her on the 5,000-mile, five-hour flight to make an official visit.

“We gathered up our pennies and went up there,” Maldonado says. “We visited the college and she fell in love in with it.”

And the Dean of Admissions and Minority Recruiter fell in love with Martinez. Her plan was marching according to schedule. But upon their return to El Paso, Maldonado, who was pregnant at the time, experienced life-threatening complications.

“I almost died and the baby almost died,” Maldonado says. “Sarah was here at school just trying to cope. In the process, she missed the deadline for the scholarship.”

Martinez didn’t tell her mother she had missed the deadline.

“I told my dad,” she says. “But I didn’t want to tell my mom because I knew she would be upset with me. But she asked me and I had to spill the beans.”

Maldonado immediately called the Recruitment Officer and explained the difficult situation the family had gone through.

“The deadline was in November and we got it to them in January,” Maldonado says. “They still accepted her application and we heard from them in March. She got a full scholarship for \$175,000; they really wanted her. They were very impressed with her. It was awesome.”

Despite all that adversity and trauma, Martinez is still ranked third in her class. But Martinez is more impressed at what a parent will do for a child.

“I have a really supportive parent system,” she says. “It’s my mom, my dad and my mom’s husband. They always tell me that I need to focus and school comes first. It doesn’t matter what’s going on. And even though I did freak out and it was very hard on me, I always knew I had to give my best effort.”

Martinez is now back on track with the plan she started as a freshman. Although she is nervous about taking “the road less traveled,” she knows it’s something she needs to experience in her life.

“It’s going to be really different, a huge culture shock,” she says. “I’m just going to suck it up, go up there and do the best that I can.”

Martinez says she has also learned a valuable lesson from the whole ordeal.

“Don’t get distracted. Face your battles in a positive aspect,” she says.



— Photo courtesy Socorro ISD

COMING THROUGH — Sarah Martinez, left, and her supportive mom, Elizabeth Maldonado.

“Take everything that comes in life and learn from it.”

Eye on D.C. By U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla

Education for the future

Our businesses require the best trained workers in the world. It is the only way our nation can stay globally competitive in this ever-changing world. The health of our economy and the growth of our businesses rely on the strength of our workforce.

That is one of the reasons I am so proud of legislation recently approved by the House of Representatives. The Vocational and Technical Education for the Future Act recognizes that education is the critical link for our youth to forge into the future of new and evolving technology.

Through the Vocational and Technical Education Act, Congress can better support and strengthen state vocational programs. This legisla-

tion will help integrate technology into core subjects such as math and science and will better prepare our children for post-secondary education, training, or for entering the workforce. The bill also streamlines and targets federal funds, establishes incentive grants for high performance, promotes more rigorous training for improved results, and increases accountability in vocational and technical program areas.

And one the most important aspects of the legislation is that it increases and encourages local control. We all know at the end of the day state and local communities should have the final say on how best to educate the students in their

communities. It is this type of continued collaboration of local, state, and federal leaders that will ensure our students receive the best education and our businesses receive the brightest and best-skilled employees.

I stand behind the Vocational and Technical Education for the Future Act. We owe it to our children, and we owe it to our businesses. To strengthen our education system inevitably means we are strengthening our workforce and are guaranteeing the viability of Texas business and industry.



Reyes Reports By U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes



Memorial Day reminds us of our responsibility to our veterans

Each year on the final Monday in May, we come together as a nation to remember and honor our loved ones who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

Our nation’s debt to them is immeasurable and we celebrate Memorial Day to honor not only their death, but their lives. This year, sadly, we honor a younger generation of fallen heroes — those who lost their lives in the ongoing operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. As a member of Congress, an American, and as a combat veteran myself, I salute these fallen heroes.

Memorial Day underscores the responsibility of Congress to provide for our servicemembers and their families. In 1944, Congress enacted the original GI Bill of Rights. In doing so, the federal government supported our returning troops with educational benefits, loans to buy a home, and medical assistance. And in each major military conflict since, we have honored the service of our soldiers through a new GI bill. Just recently, many of my colleagues and

I on Capitol Hill introduced the comprehensive “New GI Bill of Rights for the 21st Century.”

Through our GI bill, we pledge to keep our promises to our servicemembers and their families by renewing our efforts to end the Disabled Veterans’ Tax. This tax forces military retirees with service-connected disabilities to give up one dollar of their pension for every dollar of disability pay they receive. While we have succeeded in securing a partial repeal, this unfair tax should be eliminated for the remaining 400,000 disabled military retirees.

We on the House Armed Services Committee took an important step forward last week when passing the 2006 Defense Authorization Bill, which sets policies, programs and funding levels for the nation’s military. We successfully included a provision that will allow veterans who have a disability rating below 100 percent, yet are still determined to be “unemployable” due to their disability, to begin receiving full concurrent receipt in 2009 — five years earlier than they are currently scheduled to receive these earned benefits.

For those returning from the frontlines, we will continue our efforts to invest in veterans’ health care. Our new GI bill focuses on improving veterans’ health care, including mental health care, to meet the needs of our returning troops. We also focus on the needs of our National Guard members and Reservists, and propose to expand military health care (TRICARE), protect income, and ensure recruitment incentives, bonuses and improved educational benefits.

Memorial Day honors the bravery, dedication and courage of those who have served our nation. To truly honor our veterans and family members, however, the spirit of Memorial Day must live with us throughout the year. Decision-makers in Congress must understand that the federal government has a responsibility to provide for those who have served and are serving this nation — to provide quality health care, livable wages, retirement benefits and survivor benefits. We have made important progress in Congress this year and by continuing this fight with dedication and courage, we will embody the true meaning of this day.

Top Cats in the Fabens school district honored

FABENS — The Fabens ISD honored its “Top Cats” students and teachers at the third annual Top Cats Banquet Thursday, May 19.

Mrs. Gail Gonzales, third grade teacher from Risinger Primary, was named as the district Elementary Teacher of the Year, and Ismael Salas, Fabens High School business teacher and coach, took honors as top Secondary Teacher of the Year. Both will now compete for Region IX honors.

All five campus Teachers of the Year and the top ten students, grades 8 to 12, were honored, as they and their families and mentors were treated to music from the Fabens Community Jazz Band and a salute from the Fabens High School NJROTC Color Guard.

Featured speaker was Dr. Elena Izquierdo, Dean of Teacher Education from UTEP, who encouraged the group to never give up no matter how hard or complicated life may become.

The honorees were welcomed by Master of Ceremonies Jose A. Cervantes, Assistant Superintendent, followed by congratulatory remarks from Poncho Garcia, Fabens ISD Superintendent, who also introduced the district’s top teachers.

The 10 highest performing stu-



— Photo courtesy Fabens ISD

CATS TOP TEACHERS — Elementary Teacher of the Year Gail Gonzales and Secondary Teacher of the Year Ismael Salas.

dents for each grade were presented with medallions, certificates and watches, and seniors received a CD table clock.

Garcia, along with Fabens ISD Board of Trustee President Greg Spence, presented Claudia Ochoa and Simon Trujillo with a \$500 Top Cat Scholarship. Gift certificates and two palm pilots were given to seven lucky attendees.

National stop violence competition looms for Canutillo Middle School Students

By Kim Guzman
Special to the Courier

UPPER VALLEY — Jesus A. Gonzalez and Mariana Reyes, Canutillo Middle School (CMS) eighth graders, were recognized recently during a banquet at Region XIX, as finalists in the *Do the Write Thing Challenge*, an initiative of the National Campaign to Stop Violence.

The *Write Thing* project is designed to give middle school students an opportunity to examine the impact of youth violence on their lives and communicate in writing what they think should be done to change the culture of violence.

The local program is overseen by a *Do the Write Thing* Committee (DtWT Committee), which is a coalition of business, community and governmental leaders dedicated to

the reduction of youth violence. By writing about violence, students are encouraged to make a commitment to avoid it, and find solutions.

Patricia Gallardo, English teacher at CMS said participation is by invitation, and this was the first year CMS was invited. Students in Gallardo’s classes held candid discussions and activities about youth violence. Then students were asked to write a poem, essay, song, or play addressing how violence has affected their lives, examine the causes of violence, and what can they do to stop it.

“The students wrote about domestic violence, the influence of drugs and alcohol on violence, rape, road rage, gang violence, sexual/violent predators, bullying in school, and violence in the media. I was amazed and disturbed at how much these kids have experienced,” Gallardo.

Canutillo Elementary Students’ video wins state recognition

By Alfredo Vasquez
Special to the Courier

UPPER VALLEY — Canutillo Elementary School’s digital video documentary, entitled *History of Canutillo*, recently received top honors in Texas and New Mexico. The student documentary was named first place winner in the 2005 student project contest sponsored by the Texas Computer Education Association (TCEA) in Austin and also earned a first place Oscar in the Organ Mountain Film Festival in Las Cruces.

The 27-minute movie was produced by sixth grade students and features two documentaries: one is on the history of Canutillo and the other is on the ghosts and legends of Canutillo.

CES teachers assisting students



with the video project were Andres Arriola, Sharon Walker, Susan Smith, Judith Valle, and Rick Armstrong.

“CES received a Hewlett-Packard technology grant at the beginning of this school year. Because of this grant, which included \$35,000 in computer equipment, we were able to create a documentary about the

history of Canutillo,” stated Smith.

“Students learned to research a variety of topics, write a script, and video tape different subjects. They also learned about the history of their community,” said Smith. “The students were really excited when their video was shown recently to a packed house of community residents and parents in the school cafeteria.”

TCEA will officially recognize the CES students and teachers at its state conference, which is scheduled for next spring.

Receiving top honors in the Organ Mountain Film Festival in Las Cruces automatically qualified the documentary for the New Mexico Governor’s Film Festival, which is scheduled for later this year in Santa Fe.



— Photo courtesy Canutillo ISD

BUDDING FILM PRODUCERS — These Canutillo Elementary School sixth graders produced an award winning video documentary about their community. Shown bottom row from left is Edrei Espinosa, Manny Robles, Mabely Melendez, Cynthia Saldivar, Isbeth Cruz, Stephanie Salas, Liz Varela, Franky Yañez, Jesus Rodriguez; second row from left are Edgar Sapien, Isabel Hernandez, Biyanka Sambrano, Julianna Chavez, Bianca Ramirez, Alexandra Torres, Stacey Gomez, Brianda Vargas, Laura Jimison, Brenda Yañez; third row, Hiram Espinosa, Steven Yañez, Robert Reyes, Daniel Torres, Edgar Adame, Sergio Mendez, Javier de la Rosa, Martin Aguirre, Leslie Samaniego, Amanda Olivas, Stephanie Moreno, Michelle Rosales, Priscilla Lucero, Eric Garcia; on back row, from left, are teachers Susan Smith, Sharon Walker, and Judith Valle.

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Fabens Independent School District Public Notice

This summer the Fabens Independent School District will be participating in the Summer Feeding Service Program (SFSP) through the Health and Human Service Commission. We will be providing a **free breakfast and lunch** to all children age 18 and younger. Meals will be served at the **Fabens Middle School Cafeteria**, 800 Walker St. in Fabens, Texas. The program dates will be May 31, 2005 through June 30, 2005, excluding Fridays.

TIME	
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Anthony ISD Offers Summer Food Program

The Anthony Independent School District, Anthony, Texas announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Service Program. Breakfast and Lunch will be provided at the Anthony Elementary School Cafeteria from June 1, 2005 to July 29, 2005. Breakfast will be served from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. People who are eligible to participate in the program must not be discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, religion, or political belief. Anyone who believes that they have been discriminated against should write immediately to: Director, Civil Rights Division, MC W-106, Texas Department of Human Services, P.O. Box 149030, Austin, Texas 78714-9030 or the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250. **NOTE: Discrimination complaints based on religion or political beliefs must be referred only to the Director, Civil Rights Division, Texas Department of Human Services, at the address mentioned above.**

El Distrito de Anthony Ofrece Comida en el Verano

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Anthony, Anthony, Texas, anuncia que va ha ofrecer el Programa de Comida en el Verano. El desayuno y comida seran servidas en la Cafeteria de la Escuela Primaria de Anthony a partir del 1 de junio 2005 al 29 de julio 2005. El desayuno se va a servir de 7:30 a.m. a 8:30 a.m. y comida de 11:30 a.m. a 12:30 p.m. Las personas que tienen derecho a participar en el programa no deben ser discriminadas por raza, color, origen nacional, edad, sexo, incapacidad, religión ni creencia política. Cualquiera que crea que lo han discriminado debe escribir inmediatamente al: Director, Civil Rights Division, MC W-106, Texas Department of Human Services, P.O. Box 149030, Austin, Texas 78714-9030, ó la Secretaria de Agricultura, Washington, D.C. 20250. **NOTA: Las quejas de discriminación por religión o creencia política deben presentarse solamente ante el Departamento de Servicios Humanos de Texas a la dirección antes mencionada.**

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Canutillo began in June 1823, when the Canutillo land grant was assigned to 30 citizens of El Paso del Norte. A small agricultural settlement was established in 1824, but was abandoned in 1833 because of Apache raiders. The area remained vacant until the mid-1800s when settlers arrived. The Canutillo Townsite and Land Company was chartered in 1909, and a post office was established two years later.

Canutillo’s first school was built in 1911, and was named the Lone Star School. It consisted of one room and one teacher, and served first through eighth grades. Canutillo was identified as a rural post office in 1914 and had four general stores to serve the surrounding population. The community’s population grew to about 300 by 1925.

In 1927, Jessie Laura and Halsey Sinclair Hawkins along with their only daughter, Jenna Louise, moved from Little Rock, Arkansas to the town of Canutillo. They lived on Nuway Street, which was located about two miles north of the Lone Star School, west of Hwy 80, also known as Doniphan Drive. Jenna, who was born on July 24, 1919 in Little Rock, was only eight years old when she arrived in the community of Canutillo and enrolled at the Lone Star School as a third grader.

Halsey Hawkins owned and ran a local business called Nuway Lumber. Along with the lumberyard, he also built the Tourist Courts, which was a motel of sorts for travelers passing through on their way to California.

Jenna recalls, “Because of the Depression in the 1930’s, a lot of people from Oklahoma and Arkansas picked up and moved west to California. The Okies and Arkies came through, and of course they all wanted to rent a 75-cent room, which only had one bed and not enough room for a whole family, so they had to take the two dollar rooms.”

Jenna recalls one of the general stores in Canutillo at that time was owned and run by Estanilado Sierra, whose daughter, Alicia, was in her class. Jenna said she remembers she and Alicia tied for salutatorian when they graduated from the eighth grade, which was the highest grade the Lone Star School served. When Jenna graduated, she went on to high school at El Paso High. She attended college at the Texas College of Mines, which is now the University of Texas at El Paso.

Jenna married Harold Bruce Welch in a chapel ceremony at Fort Bliss in 1944. Soon after, they moved to Midland, Texas. On Nov. 4, 1946, their only daughter was born, Laura Welch, who is now the First Lady of the United States of America, wife of President George W. Bush.

Jenna said that Laura spent time in Canutillo as she was growing up. Laura would come by train to visit her grandparents and she related that Laura has many fond memories of her days in Canutillo.

El Paso Community College in partnership with the Canutillo Independent School District honored Mrs. Welch recently, by announcing the Jenna Welch Family Literacy Program, in celebration of Jenna’s example of reading to her daughter. The program was announced at the dedication of the Jenna Welch and Laura Bush Community Library, at the EPCC’s Northwest Campus and will be shared by both Canutillo ISD and the EPCC campuses.

Briefs

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verbal altercation that turned deadly when he was shot in the stomach. An El Paso County Sheriff’s Office spokesman said Martinez’ bond was set at \$150,000, and he was in the El Paso County Downtown Detention Facility as of noon on Monday. Nestor Martinez, 21, also of Tornillo, was arrested and charged with hindering apprehension late Monday, May 23. His bond was set at \$10,000 which he posted a few minutes after midnight, the spokesman said.

■ The seizure of more than 55 pounds of cocaine by Border Patrol agents at the Highway 54 Traffic Checkpoint resulted in the arrest of 29-year-old Clint man, Michael Ryan Boyd on May 17. Agents said Boyd was driving the 2005 GMC Envoy that was referred to secondary status following a routine primary inspection. Ultimately, agents discovered 55.8 pounds of cocaine concealed in the rear door, as well as \$1,534 in cash. A follow-up investigation by Drug Enforcement Administration resulted in seizure of 50.7 more pounds of cocaine and two more arrests, a spokesman said. The actual value of the cocaine was estimated at more than \$1.7 million.

■ Charges against the female driver of a 1995 Mercury Grand Marquis which struck a motorcycle from the rear in the late evening of April 11 in Vinton have been upgraded to intoxication assault, an El Paso County Sheriff’s Office spokesman said this week. Ana Ramirez, 20 years old, of Sunland Park, New Mexico was driving in the 8300 block of Doniphan about 11 p.m. when she struck the rear of a 2004 Kawasaki motorcycle driven by Joey Molinar, 26, of Anthony. His passenger, his common-law wife, Maria Elizabeth Romero, 36, was ejected from the motorcycle, struck the pavement, and died at the scene. Molinar suffered head, chest and leg injuries but has been released from the hospital. The increase in charges against Ramirez added an additional \$20,000 to her previous bond of \$200,000. They were the result of toxicology tests that confirm that her blood alcohol concentration was above the defined legal limit of .08 as defined by Texas Law. She was treated for injuries sustained in the accident but was booked into the El Paso County Downtown Detention Facility following her medical release.

■ Canutillo Independent School District will hold an evening of song and dance during the Fifth Annual Flor y Canto Fair, from 6 to 9 p.m., Friday, May 27, at the Canutillo Elementary School Fairgrounds (651 Canutillo Avenue). The Flor y Canto fair, which is sponsored by the Project

Link program, will feature performances by Mariachi De Mi Tierra, Ballet Folklorico Cuauhtli, soloist Andres Ortega, and Charros Los Castro. The evening event is free to the public. Individuals are encouraged to bring chairs, blankets, and picnic baskets to enjoy the special presentations.

■ Area residents can go native, Native American, that is on June 11-12 at Cougar Park, 10664 Socorro Rd., in Socorro during the annual Native American Arts and Crafts Festival which includes an overnight campout. Native American dancers, music, food and refreshments will be offered along with a variety of jewelry and other special items. The event begins at 10 a.m. both days. Admission is free, and alcohol is prohibited. Call Suky Ramos at 422-1700 for more information.

■ Americas High School senior and successful golfer Marie Hulsey signed a letter of intent to play at St. Mary’s University in San Antonio during a special ceremony on Friday, May 20.

■ This year is the seventh year San Lorenzo Church in Clint has awarded deserving high school seniors from the parish with scholarships — a total of 21 outstanding students from the community have received awards ranging from \$250 to \$500, totaling \$8,500. Recipients are selected by committee and scholarships are funded through donations. The 2005 Scholarships for \$500 were awarded on May 21 during the Graduation Mass. The first 2005 recipient is Jon Ray Martinez, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ramon Martinez. Recognized in academics and music, he will attend UTEP in the fall to pursue a degree in Recording Arts Technology. Ruby L. Rivera Is the second recipient, is a highly motivated student who is graduating a year early. She will has chosen the medical field and will attend El Paso Community College in the fall, with plans attend the medical school that is expected to open in El Paso in the near future. She is the daughter of Lorenzo Rivera and Laura Ruiz. For more information or to make a donation, contact the San Lorenzo Church at (915) 851-2255 or (915) 346-2921.

■ On Friday, May 20, Texas joined New Mexico and Arizona as states with cases of vesicular stomatitis (VS) confirmed this spring. Two Travis County horses were hauled home May 10 from a trail ride in Arizona, where they apparently were exposed to the virus that mimics Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD) by causing animals to develop blisters and sores in the mouth, on the tongue, muzzle, teats and hooves, though rarely causes death. The year’s first VS cases were confirmed April 27 in two horses in southwest New Mexico. Since then, infection has been detected in 17 horses on 11 premises in New Mexico, Arizona, and now Texas. “A number of states and countries impose strict testing, per-

mitting and inspection requirements for livestock that originate from VS-affected areas or states. Check with the state or country of destination before hauling livestock from Texas,” said Dr. Bob Hillman, head of the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state’s livestock health regulatory agency. For more information call the TAHC’s Austin headquarters 24-hour line at 1-800-550-8242 or log on at <http://www.tahc.state.tx.us> for additional information a link to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Staff at the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Austin office can be reached at 512-916-5565 for international shipping rules or restrictions. Other important numbers include the New Mexico Livestock Board, 1-505-841-6161; the Colorado Department of Agriculture, State Veterinarian’s Office, 1-303-239-4161; or the Arizona Department of Agriculture, State Veterinarian’s Office, 1-602-542-4293.

■ Navy Hospitalman Samir M. Ihmud, son of Alicia and George Talavera of Fabens, Texas, recently graduated from the Basic Hospital Corps School at Field Medical Service School, Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, Calif. During the 14-week course, Ihmud learned a wide range of medical procedures that will enable him to help provide quality health care to Navy and Marine Corps personnel and their families. Ihmud is a 2002 graduate of Fabens High School of Fabens and joined the Navy in July 2002.

■ Navy Hospitalman Victor M. Lopez, son of Hilda and Francisco Lopez of El Paso, Texas, recently graduated from the Navy’s Hospital Corps School with distinction at Naval Hospital Corps School, Great Lakes, Ill. His 14-week training will enable him to work in several areas, including first aid and assisting with minor surgery, pharmacy and laboratory analysis, patient transportation, and food service inspections. Lopez is a 2003 graduate of Socorro High School and joined the Navy in July 2003.

■ Congressman Henry Bonilla has announced that \$2.4 million has been approved for the West Texas Telecommunications Project, to support increased trials and use of new technologies by the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) in rural West Texas. Today’s funding announcement brings the total funding to \$9.3 million over the last four years. “Not too long ago, I visited West Texas to review progress made on this project. While visiting I was given insight into what an amazing and special project we have on our hands. I’m especially proud of this funding and the progress it will make for West Texas farmers and ranchers.” A senior member of the House Appropriations Committee, Bonilla is chairman of the subcommittee that oversees all agriculture funding.



— Photo courtesy Clint ISD

Horizon High School Rifle Team receives grant

HORIZON — The Horizon High School Rifle Team was awarded a \$1000 grant from the National Rifle Association. The funds will be used for precision rifle upgrade. During matches, the team competes in the Sporter class because of the type of rifle they currently have. With this grant, the team can now begin to purchase a better class of rifle to compete in the Varsity class. The team currently consists of 12 members, six of whom will compete at the Western Regional Match sponsored by the NRA this summer. Those competing will be: juniors Cindy Jimenez and Albert Solis; sophomores Nicole Juarez, Joe Ramirez, and David Espino; Freshman Jose Fernandez. The entire team will compete in the New Mexico State High School Rifle competition in May. Colonel Ken Osmond, HHS JROTC Instructor, is the sponsor of the HHS Rifle Team.

— Contributed by Laura Cade

Clint Independent School District Public Notice

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Free breakfast and lunch are available to eligible participants 18 years of age and younger. Participants with a handicap may be 20 years of age. Adults may purchase a meal at ala carte price.

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What’s in a name: Marketshare

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

William Shakespeare once asked the question, “What’s in a name?”

And indeed, the particular name of a subject or item shouldn’t have any bearing on its actual worth or success.

Except, of course, when it comes to the world of sports.

In the world of sports, the names of some franchises have caused people to raise their eyebrows and ask why?

A team is a team and would still be that same team by any other name, right?

Why is a football team, once known as the Boston Patriots, now called the New England Patriots? My son once asked me if it was expensive for all the teams in the NFL to have to fly to Great Britain to play the Patriots.

I’m sure some younger fans have searched extensively for that 51st state in the USA with no success. You know, that state NBA fans refer to as Golden State. How can you have a nickname as the name of your city?

Some professional franchises don’t even mention the cities they play in. The Minnesota Twins, Colorado Rockies, Texas Rangers and Carolina Panthers all play in states. The Panthers are the worst of all. You don’t even know which state, North or South Carolina?

Some names don’t even make any sense. The Utah Jazz, for instance. How often do you think of Utah when you’re thinking jazz music? The Los Angeles Lakers — how many impressive lakes have you been to in L.A.? Or the New Orleans Saints. With all the partying and collecting of beads going on in New Orleans, how many saints can possibly reside there?

Others don’t even provide a clue, like the Green Bay Packers, the Cleveland Browns and the New York Knickerbockers. It’s time for an upgrade, guys.

Oh, and how many grizzly bears have you counted in Memphis?

Anyway, yet another team is going through some “name” difficulties right now.

The California — I mean, the Anaheim — I mean, the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim may be going through their fourth name change in the last 10 years if the California state assem-

bly has its way.

Seems the owners of the Angels thought they’d get more attention by slapping the name “Los Angeles” in front of the name “Anaheim.”

The state is arguing that the team is practicing deceptive advertising when it claims it is from Hollywood when it’s really in Disneyland.

The Angels will never have the success the Dodgers have. But last season the Angels were third in baseball attendance behind the Yankees and the Dodgers.

As far as I’m concerned, that’s not too bad. C’mon Angels, so you play “Fredo” to the Dodgers’ “Michael.”

I say embrace your true name of Anaheim before your franchise finds itself sleeping with the fishes.

Mental collapses

Over the last couple of weeks El Paso high school football has taken a bit of a hit in the court of popular opinion.

Two of the city’s most talented and popular athletes made some very dumb decisions, and both are paying the price right now.

Few local players have drawn as much national attention coming out of high school as Montwood’s Edward Britton and Riverside’s Shawn Jordan.

Most of you know that Britton was arrested for stealing a couple of MP3 players from Wal-Mart and Jordan was arrested for trying to cross steroids into the country from Mexico.

Stupid, stupid, stupid. No doubt these two young men forgot their thinking caps when each left their homes on those regrettable days.

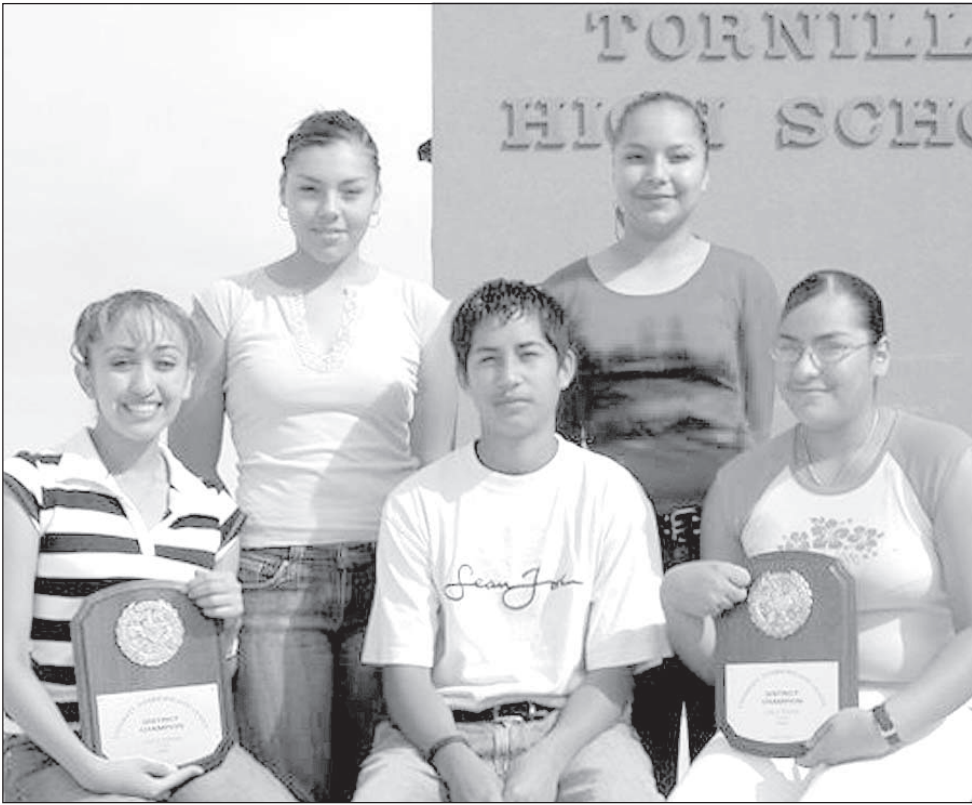
But one thing remains evident, they are young men. And when I was a young man of 18-20, I was dumber than the dirt I walked on.

At the college level, Jordan’s big mistake was costlier than Britton’s.

New LSU coach Les Miles has suspended Jordan indefinitely. The coach said they would have to investigate the situation and make a determination on Jordan’s future with the team when all the facts are in.

Miles said he wants to give Jordan every opportunity to get his life back on course but when you stop to think of it, what is it going to take to help Jordan?

He is one of the strongest guys on the team.



— Photo courtesy Tornillo ISD

TORNILLO TOPS IN TENNIS — Tornillo High School 2005 District Tennis Team winners are, from left, Alma Duran, Vianney Olivas, Noe Avila, Marina Soto, and Crystal Trejo.

Tornillo tennis team takes district – again

By Rudy Barreda
Special to the Courier

TORNILLO — The Tornillo Varsity Tennis Team competed in Crane, Texas for the district championship on April 4, and the Coyotes won their second district title in a row by defeating Crane 50-45.

Crystal Trejo took the 2005 district championship. She defeated fellow teammate Alma Duran 6-2, 6-1. In a semi-final match that was crucial for the Coyotes to win district, Duran came back after being down 6-3, 5-3 to defeat Crane’s number one singles player by a

score of 3-6, 7-6, 7-6. Sophomores Vianney Olivas and Marina Soto took second place in the girls’ doubles division.

Five Tornillo High School students went on to Regionals, held in Abilene on April 26. Crystal Trejo, Alma Duran, Marina Soto, Vianney Olivas and Noe Avila represented THS at the tournament. Doubles team Olivas and Soto made it to the quarter finals.

“I am really excited about the future of Tornillo Tennis,” said second year coach Alex Macias. “The team has played so well this year. I’m looking forward to the seventh and eighth graders coming up. There’s a lot of future talent on its way.”

If Jordan gets wise and gives up the steroids, his health will be better off. But if he got strong because of the steroids, will he be a shell of the player he is now?

Britton isn’t out of high school yet, but his future team members, the Texas Tech Red Raiders, were very interested in the unfortunate news.

Coach Mike Leach hasn’t taken any action

against Britton and it’s unlikely he will.

The only good news coming from this ugliness was from Britton’s father, Edward Sr. The dad made no excuses for his son’s actions. He didn’t blame society, he didn’t blame the school, the coach, the police or the media. He placed the blame where it obviously belonged, with his son.

A man of principle and integrity — how refreshing.

Young men often come to a crossroads in their young careers and Britton and Jordan have definitely come to theirs.

Let’s hope these two favorite sons choose the right paths.

It’s true, youth is sometimes wasted on the young. But there is no one on this Earth who ever achieved any amount of greatness who didn’t stumble a time or two on the way.

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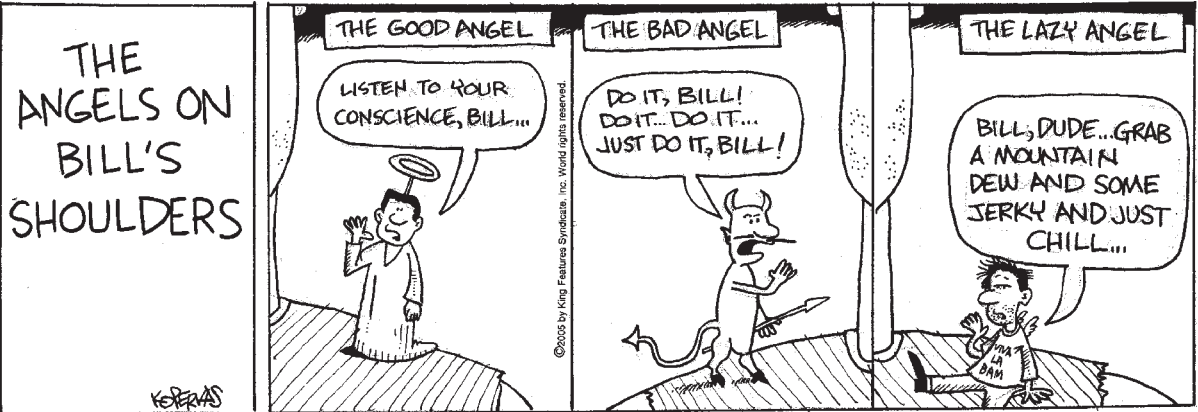
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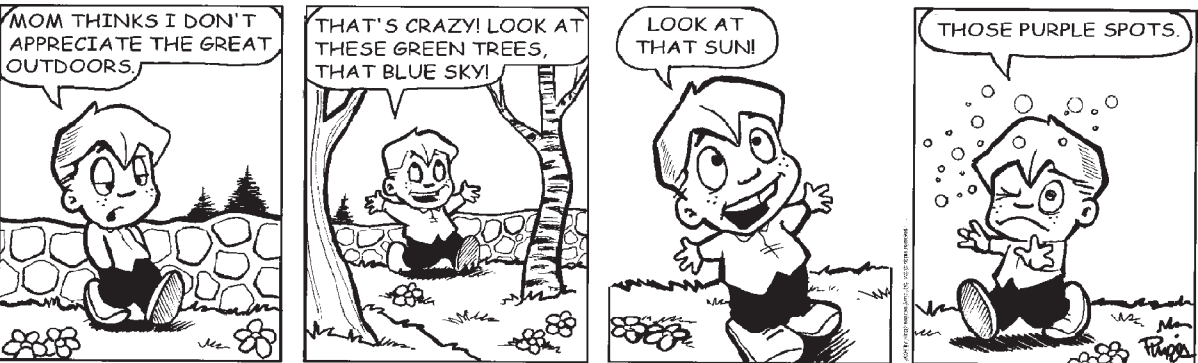
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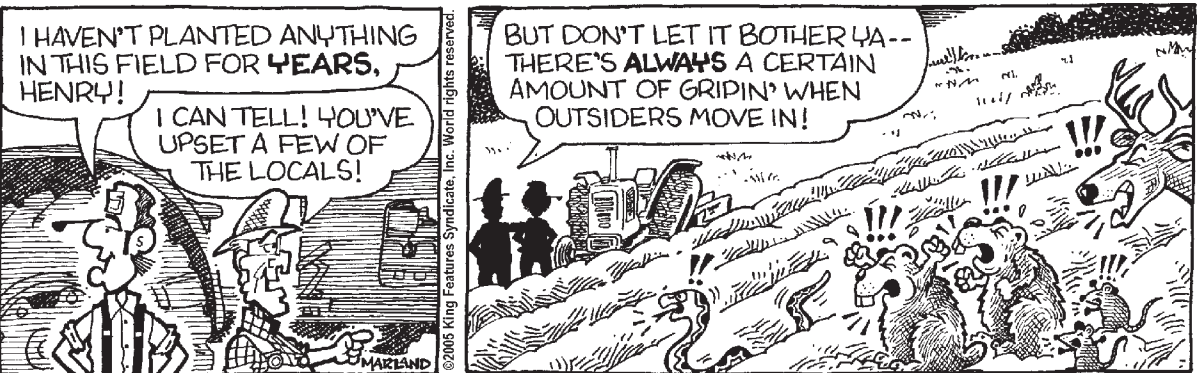
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“24”: I’m on it!

By Don Flood

For reasons I’m not even sure of myself, I have watched most of the episodes of “24,” the Fox TV thriller that has brought new meaning to the phrase over-the-top.

The show follows one day in the life of Jack Bauer, an agent for the Counter Terrorism Unit (CTU), as he single-handedly protects the United States from terrorist attack.

Each episode is an hour of real time, or what might be called Jack Bauer Time, because it seems just a tad elastic.

For those unfamiliar with the show, here’s some background.

As everybody knows, there are three branches of government, the executive, the judicial and the legislative, all of which answer directly to the supreme one-man branch, consisting of Jack Bauer, who’s also known by his code name, JACK BAUER.

In addition to running the federal government, Bauer is our nation’s chief military and counter-terrorism force.

Scene I: Jack Bauer, in a dangerous spot, is talking on his ever-present cell phone:

BAUER: THIS IS BAUER.
HEADQUARTERS: Yes, I know.

BAUER: THAT’S JACK BAUER.

HQ: Quit yelling, I heard you the first time.

BAUER: I need some help. Use the (insert fancy-sound gadget name) to tell me how many people are in the building.

HQ: I’m on it!
BAUER: I’ll also need to know their age, weight and their exact hair color, including the presence of highlights.

HQ: I’m on it!
BAUER: How could you be on both those things already?

HQ: I’m not. But I like saying it.
BAUER: Well, if you’re not on

it, stop saying you’re on it!
HQ: Right! I’m on it!

BAUER: OK, so what’s the information already?

HQ: What information — oops, sorry, I’m on it! Let’s see, you have 158 heavily armed people all waiting to shoot you. The first one weighs...

BAUER: Don’t have time for that! Just give me a breakdown on their eye color!

HQ: More than 75 percent have brown eyes and...

BAUER: Don’t have time for that!

Scene II: Meanwhile...

UNDERLING: They’ve foiled our plans to kidnap the secretary of defense, melt down the nation’s nuclear power plants, and steal the nuclear code to blow up the world!

BAD GUY: That’s OK, because those were just diversions for my real plan — to scare other bidders off eBay! Ha ha ha ha ha ha!

Meanwhile, inside CTU, as the crisis mounts, dedicated professional continue to type busily away at their computers.

BOSS: A nuclear bomb is scheduled to go off in two hours. What are you doing?

TECH 1: I’m typing up the seating arrangements for next week’s bridge game.

BOSS: Keep on it! (Turning to next guy.) How about you?

TECH 2: I have no idea. I’m just typing away feverishly trying to look busy.

BOSS: Excellent! I’m putting you in charge of the anti-nuclear bomb unit. Your job is to make sure that bomb doesn’t go off.

TECH 2: How do I do that?

BOSS: Keep typing away. Also, as a meaningless subplot, try to re-kindle a relationship with your ex-wife.

TECH 2: I’m on it!

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TIMBER LINE

ACROSS

1 '84 Daryl Hannah film

7 Belfry sound

11 Poetic monogram

14 Little rascal

19 Bunch of ballplayers

20 Fairy-tale fiend

21 Spring mo.

22 Forbidden

23 Start of a remark by 114 Across

25 Teddy-bear president

27 Tut's relative

28 Ganesh or Hanuman

29 That's the spirit

30 Building wings

31 Level

33 Actress Welch

36 With 51 Across, "Wuthering Heights" author

38 Face lift?

41 Anchored

42 Hot spot?

43 Part 2 of remark

47 Aries animal

50 Important numero

51 See 36 Across

52 " _ look at me!"

53 Distinctive period

54 Irving character

56 Hotels

57 Prepare the

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60 Toil

62 Dwelling

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66 Vittle statistics?

68 He's got plans for you

72 Skilled

73 Pick-me-up

74 Sheet of stamps

75 Big name in kids' music

77 TV's "Starsky and "

78 Get on

80 Cougar

81 Viscount's superior

85 Put into service

86 Partially open

88 "Summer _ " ('72 hit)

90 Mauna _

91 Augsburg article

92 End of remark

97 Wise guy?

98 Bother

99 Like Hawaiian shirts

100 Waits

102 Vicar's assistant

103 Bend

105 Saucy

106 It gets squirreled away

108 Beastly place?

109 Jacket info

112 Gardener's friend

114 Speaker of remark

119 " _ Gay"

120 Khan opener?

121 Kind of roast

122 He's left holding the bag

123 Enticed

124 Pawter base

125 Cunning

126 Layers

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1 Blind part

2 Bodybuilder's pride

3 Need

4 Give it _ (try)

5 Big _ , CA

6 Reduce a risk

7 Little lake

8 "The _ and I" ('47 film)

9 Word with folk or fine

10 Tenor Slezak

11 Durham denizen

12 Bobbin

13 Cupid, in Corinth

14 Sault _ Marie, MI

15 Collapse

16 Ring _ (seem familiar)

17 Aquarium fish

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24 Charged atom

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29 Spiritual guide

31 Lilly of pharmaceuticals

32 Do or die?

33 Takes a break

34 Exercise aftermath

35 Status -

37 Diner fare

38 Self-important

39 Blabby bird

40 Borodin's "Prince "

41 One of us?

42 Woodwind instrument

44 The Furies, e.g.

45 Toyota competitor

46 Banned pesticide

47 Defy a dictator

48 Faced the day

49 Stallion's sweetheart

55 Lose control

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58 Learning method

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64 Burn a bit

66 Animal that roared?

67 Log

69 Pocket protector?

70 Altar vessels

71 He keeps lions in line

73 Heavy blow

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79 Nev. neighbor

80 Novel language?

82 Baseball family name

83 Crucifix

84 Tramp's tootsie

87 Pieceful pursuit?

88 Gravy vessel

89 Finish the lawn

93 "The Avengers" actress

94 Knitter's need

95 Monk's title

96 Wicked stuff?

97 Pay up

100 Reeves of "The Matrix"

101 Mistake

102 It's walked at Windsor

103 Watch pocket

104 Crochet units

105 Rind

107 Winter wear

108 Off-the-wall

109 _ carotene

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Volunteers needed

Group working to cool things down in hot homes

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — A group of concerned citizens in East El Paso County are working to establish a non-profit organization to make life a little more cool for area residents who otherwise have no method to fight the extreme summer heat.

The group is working with major area retailers to collect fans and other cooling devices that will help alleviate over-heated conditions in the homes of elderly and low-income individuals.

Volunteers are also being sought to donate time and effort to the project. Donations of serviceable, working fans and coolers will also be accepted

Heat

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prescription drug and alcohol use.

Staying in an air-conditioned area, either at home or in a public place such as a mall, library or recreation center, is the most effective way to combat heat. If air conditioning is not available, pull the shades over the windows and use cross-ventilation and fans to cool rooms.

Symptoms of heat illness include heavy sweating, muscle cramps, weakness, dizziness, nausea, weak but rapid pulse and headaches. People with these symptoms should find shade, drink water slowly and make sure there is good ventilation.

If fluids are not replaced soon enough, heat stroke can follow causing extremely high body temperature, red and dry skin, rapid pulse, confusion, brain damage, loss of consciousness and death.

To help a person showing severe symptoms, get the victim into shade, call for emergency medical services and start cooling the person immediately with cool water or by fanning.

Children especially can quickly become dehydrated. They need to drink fluids frequently, especially water, and wear light-colored, loose-fitting clothes. Avoid drinks that are heavily sweetened or contain caffeine. Check on children often, especially if they are playing outside in high temperatures.

Other heat precautions include:

- Never leave anyone in a closed, parked vehicle in hot weather, even for a short time.
- Drink plenty of fluids, without alcohol, caffeine or a lot of sugar. Don't wait until you are thirsty. Start drinking fluids at least 30 minutes before going out.
- Plan strenuous outdoor activity for early morning or evening.
- Take breaks when working outside.
- Wear sunscreen SPF 15 or higher, hats and light-colored, loose clothes.
- Eat more frequently, well-balanced, cool and light meals.
- Dress infants and children in cool, loose clothing and keep them shaded.
- Check often on the elderly, children outdoors, and those who are ill or may need help.
- Adjust to the environment. Sudden change in temperature — an early heat wave or travel to a hotter climate stresses the body. Limit physical activity until accustomed to the heat.
- Check with a doctor about the effects of sun and heat when taking prescription drugs, especially diuretics or antihistamines.

The best defense against heat-related illness is prevention. Stay cool.

from individuals as well as businesses. Interested persons may contact Mary Perez at 588-4998 or Esther Alverado, 852-6578.

Perez, a Socorro city representative, said she hopes to have the project established at the Rio Vista Community Center.

Other area locations where donated fans may be dropped off are:

- Montana Sheriff's Station, 12501 Montana, 856-4875
- Vinton Sheriff's Station, 436 Vinton, 886-2724
- All city and county Fire Stations

People in need of fans should call:

- The County Attorney Elder Protection Unit: 546-2239;
- The Area Agency on Aging: 533-0998; or
- Mary Perez at 588-4998 or Esther Alverado, 852-6578.

Keep kids reading over summer to prevent 'learning lag'

El Paso Public Library's Summer Reading Club (SRC) kicks-off on Saturday, June 4 at all public library facilities. The theme for this year is Get Wild — Read!

Children just completing the eighth grade and all those younger are eligible to participate. To join, visit any El Paso Public Library, fill out a registration form and start reading. Kids are encouraged to read just eight books or eight hours depending on their reading level. At the end of SRC, each child who meets or exceeds these goals will receive a certificate of completion.

Some branches offer other reading incentives such as prizes, goodie bags and toys for those completing the program.

Summer Reading Club also has hundreds of special programs for young people and families throughout the summer such as karaoke, storytelling and virtual reality demonstrations. Still other programs offer children and parents insight into El Paso history, law enforcement, fire prevention and water safety.

SRC is just one of the ways parents can help children fight summer learning lag. The phrase refers to the period of time between school sessions when children's cognitive development slows due to the lack of academic instruction. Programs such as SRC help by exercising children's brain muscle. The best part is all the programs are free. For more information on Summer Reading Club call your local branch library or visit the Kids Zone at www.elpasolibrary.org or call (915) 351-4435.

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Social Security Q&A

By Ray Vigil

Q: I recently met with my insurance agent and a question came up that we couldn't answer. I am a U.S. resident, but my 9-year-old son has been living in Canada with his mother for the past eight years. Can he collect Social Security survivors benefits if I pass away, even though he's been living outside the U.S. for most of his life?

A: If all the requirements for entitlement to survivors benefits are

met (his relationship to you, under age 18 and unmarried), your son could receive benefits if he is living in Canada. The Social Security Act provides that monthly benefits cannot be paid to beneficiaries after they have been outside the United States for more than 6-consecutive calendar months unless they meet an exception to this provision. As a U.S. or a Canadian citizen, your son would meet an exception and he could receive ben-

efits if he is living in any country to which we can send benefits. However, if he is not a citizen of the United States or Canada and moves to another country, we would need more information about his citizenship and where he was living before telling you whether he could receive benefits.

Q: My brother applied for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) disability benefits a couple of years ago because he had a severe back injury. He was told that his disability wasn't severe enough to qualify for benefits.

Since then, he has developed diabetes. Can he reapply?

A: Your brother should call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) and ask about reapplying. Medical conditions can change, and the change may mean that an individual who was once denied benefits would now qualify for them.

Q: Can Social Security or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program benefit payments be made to prisoners?









A: Both the Social Security and SSI programs prohibit payments to most prisoners. Benefits are suspended if an otherwise eligible person is confined in a jail, prison or other penal institution for more than 30 continuous days due to conviction of a crime.

For more information visit your local Security office, see www.ssa.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.

WEATHER

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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR EL PASO

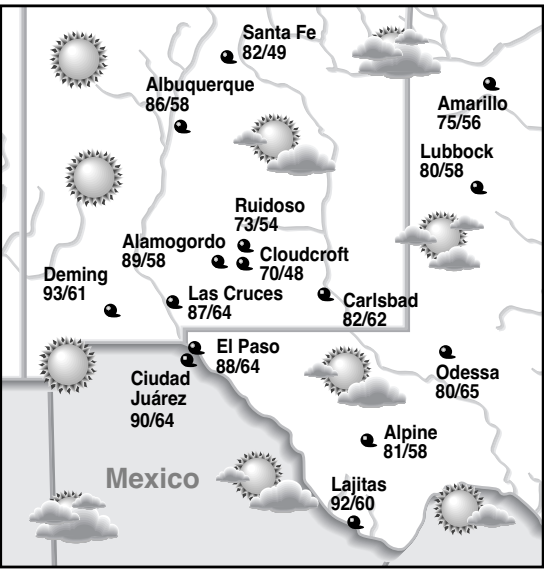
THURSDAY	THUR. NIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
							
Some sun with a thunderstorm in the afternoon.	Rather cloudy with a thunderstorm possible.	Partly sunny; breezy in the afternoon.	Times of clouds and sun.	Intervals of clouds and sunshine.	Sun and some clouds.	Partial sunshine.	Mostly sunny.
▲ 88°	▼ 64°	▲ 92° ▼ 68°	▲ 92° ▼ 66°	▲ 94° ▼ 68°	▲ 92° ▼ 64°	▲ 94° ▼ 66°	▲ 94° ▼ 64°

UV INDEX	Statistics for noon.
The higher the UV Index, the greater the need for eye and skin protection.	
Thursday	10Very High
Friday	9Very High
Saturday	8High
Sunday	8High
Monday	10Very High
Tuesday	10Very High
Wednesday	10Very High

TEXAS WEATHER

Anthony	88	66
Canutillo	88	65
Clint	87	63
E. Montana	88	64
Fabens	87	63
Horizon	88	65
San Elizario	89	64
Socorro	89	64
Tornillo	87	63
Vinton	88	66

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



TRAVELERS CITIES

City	Thur. Hi/Low/W	Fri. Hi/Low/W	Sat. Hi/Low/W	Sun. Hi/Low/W	Mon. Hi/Low/W
Albuquerque	86/58/pc	88/60/pc	86/58/s	85/59/pc	86/59/s
Atlanta	81/61/pc	82/59/t	80/60/pc	80/59/pc	78/55/t
Atlantic City	64/52/pc	71/52/t	69/51/t	69/52/pc	71/51/pc
Austin/San Antonio	88/66/pc	87/67/pc	86/69/t	87/67/t	91/67/r
Baltimore	72/54/pc	75/52/t	70/52/t	72/54/pc	75/53/c
Boston	52/48/r	60/52/sh	67/52/sh	65/52/sh	66/54/c
Chicago	70/50/t	68/48/sh	66/48/sh	68/50/pc	72/52/pc
Dallas/Ft. Worth	82/65/t	80/65/t	83/64/t	83/67/t	85/65/c
Denver	66/48/pc	74/50/pc	76/50/pc	78/49/pc	77/46/pc
Flagstaff	84/42/s	78/42/s	78/42/s	74/41/s	76/41/s
Houston	89/70/pc	88/70/pc	88/70/t	88/70/t	90/70/pc
Kansas City	74/50/pc	70/51/pc	74/54/pc	74/54/s	74/53/c
Las Vegas	102/76/s	100/74/s	98/72/s	96/70/s	96/70/s
Miami	86/73/pc	88/73/s	86/73/t	88/75/t	86/73/t
Minneapolis	66/46/sh	59/44/sh	62/47/pc	69/52/sh	73/51/c
New Orleans	86/71/t	87/69/t	87/71/t	85/70/t	87/68/t
New York City	62/55/pc	72/55/sh	68/56/sh	69/59/sh	72/57/c
Philadelphia	68/54/pc	74/54/t	70/54/t	72/54/sh	74/56/c
Phoenix	104/80/s	102/76/s	102/74/s	98/74/s	99/73/s
Portland	90/52/s	80/52/s	70/50/s	68/50/pc	68/51/c
San Francisco	68/54/pc	68/53/s	67/52/pc	69/53/s	74/57/s
Seattle	84/52/s	74/52/s	66/52/pc	64/52/pc	64/49/r
Tucson	102/71/s	100/69/s	100/67/s	98/66/s	98/65/s
Washington, DC	73/57/pc	77/57/t	73/57/t	74/59/pc	75/57/c

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

AGRICULTURE

Some places will have a thunderstorm Thursday afternoon and Thursday night. Rainfall amounts will generally be under 0.20 of an inch. Relative humidity values will be around 25 percent. Partly sunny weather will be the rule Friday and during the upcoming holiday weekend. High temperatures will be close to average.