



NEWSBRIEFS

How to help

Gov. Rick Perry is praising the compassion of Texans and urged them to call the OneStar Foundation, the State of Texas clearinghouse for donation/volunteer information, if they have questions about how to volunteer, to help or to make non-cash donations. “The OneStar Foundation was established to match volunteers willing to help with those in need,” Perry said. “The Foundation has established 400 phone lines to take the influx of requests to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina, and they can help direct Texans’ donations of non-cash items and volunteer services.” Perry said state and local agencies are being besieged with requests for information from faith-based groups, corporations, and private citizens, and the best way to direct those requests for help in an organized manner is to funnel them through the One Star Foundation.

Key contact information:
• OneStar Foundation Hurricane Relief: 1-800-707-6768
• OneStar Foundation website: www.OneStarFoundation.org
• Red Cross: 1-800-HELP NOW
• Salvation Army: 1-800-SAL-ARMY
• In Fabens, personal hygiene products, soaps, bottled water and non-perishable food items are being accepted at Ryan Supply, 117 N. Fabens for delivery to local organizations serving the evacuees. Clothing items are not needed at this time. Information: 764-2239.

Horizon on the spot

Volunteers from Horizon City were among the first faces to greet the evacuees seeking refuge in El Paso County from the devastating effects of Hurricane Katrina. Working under the auspices of the Rio Grande Council of Governments and FEMA, 10 Horizon CERT (Certified Emergency Response Team) volunteers and eight El Paso County ESD #2 firemen worked from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday processing the refugees as they disembarked at Biggs Airfield. They were offered medical attention as well as issued identification credentials and supplies they will need during their stay. Meanwhile, 12 Explorers from Post 727 deployed to the Civic Center to help set up cots, create a cafeteria and a play area, transfer emergency supplies from Ronald McDonald’s, and organize a diaper-changing facility.

Correction

In a *Courier* article last week regarding amnesty being offered by the Precinct 6 Justice of the Peace court during the month of October, the class of misdemeanor was incorrectly identified. The amnesty applies to infractions up to Class C misdemeanors. There is no “Class E” category for misdemeanors.

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All we are guaranteed is the pursuit of happiness. You have to catch up with it yourself.

— Quips & Quotes

Foster Grandparent Program helps students at Hambric receive extra one-on-one help

By Carlos A. Briano
Special to the Courier

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — If you happen to walk through a particular hall at Jane A.



— Photo courtesy Socorro ISD

MY FAVORITE GRANDMA — Shown top left is Dereck Long and Taylor Meno. Bottom left are Kimberly Rodriguez and Lilian Arroyo as they pose with Grandma Olga Valenzuela, a volunteer at Jane A. Hambric School.

Hambric School, you may notice a few first-graders calling out to “Grandma.” It’s not a particularly unusual thing, until you notice that an entire class is calling the same person by that name.

Olga Valenzuela is not the biological grandmother of all those students, but she is a volunteer of the Foster Grandparent Program. According to counselor Karina Cataldi, the project has been a success at Hambric for over five years.

“I love this program,” she says. “She really becomes a surrogate grandma. They become real attached to her and this really improves their learning.”

Grandma Valenzuela says that for some reason, a grandma figure is more approachable to students.

“We’ve only been together a few weeks, but they are comfortable with me and I’m comfortable with them,” she says. “They don’t hesitate to come up to me and ask me things.”

The Foster Grandparent Program is an

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Socorro council votes to inspect Sierra Metals after fire

By Arleen Beard
Special to the Courier

SOCORRO — There was a public outcry for safety at the regularly scheduled Socorro City Council meeting on Thursday, Sept. 1. The topic of discussion was the recent fire that took place on the property of Sierra Metals in August.

Citizens voiced their concerns as to the type of materials being stored at the site. According to City Council members and City Attorney Richard Contreras, the property in question is zoned as M-1. Residents are concerned that the owner of the property, Charlie Gandara, is operating as an M-2.

One citizen, Sergio Cox, read a lengthy prepared speech that included his concern that three members of City Council, including Mayor Willie Gandara, Jr. are related to the owner of Sierra Metals. They are his cousins and Cox recommended that they should abstain

from voting on any action being taken in order to avoid a conflict of interest.

In Cox’s prepared speech, he stated that the owner claimed the fire was due to an “act of God,” but Cox said he witnessed crews at Sierra Metals working with torches 15 to 20 minutes before the lightning started, and said the fire also began before the lightning did.

Cox said he had been informed that City Inspector Felix Murillo had identified several violations by Sierra Metals.

“We are going to do what needs to be done,” Mayor Gandara said. “We are waiting for the findings of the TCEQ (Texas Commission on Environmental Quality) before we can begin to address the issue.”

Former City Council Rep. Gloria Rodriguez said she also agreed that relatives of Charlie Gandara on City Council should not vote. However, City Rep. Gary Gandara replied that he

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Canutillo ISD celebrates grant with the community

By Kim Guzman
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO — The Canutillo Independent School District kicked off its third year of the Service Learning K-12 School Community Partnership Grant with a banana split social recently. Teachers and students attended the special event to learn about the several mini-grants that incorporate learning through service in the community. The \$150,000 grant promotes the development and institutionalization of service-learning as a teaching and learning method.

Interim Curriculum & Instruction Director Vicky Ludwig and Lead Technology Teacher Joan Gil, project coordinators for service learning, organized the event to celebrate the past success of mini-grantees and to provide infor-

mation for future grantees. Invitees were treated to a performance by the Deanna Davenport Elementary School choir, directed by Patricia Hermosillo, who was the recipient of a mini-grant last year.

“Teachers can receive up to \$5,000 for their projects through the mini-grants. These projects will assist to improve student performance, increase civic-mindedness and community engagement, and increase parental involvement,” said Gil.

Through the assistance of Jose Lopez, CISD Grant Writer, the District was initially awarded this grant three years ago. Funding for the program comes from the Corporation for National and Community Service’s Learn and Serve America initiative in collaboration with the Texas Education Agency and Region XIV Education Service Center.

Advocacy group reaches out to assist children of colonias with disabilities

Planning, legal rights, rules and laws stressed

By Joe E. Tarin
Special to the Courier

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — Advocacy, Incorporated (AI) is a non-profit corporation funded by the United States Congress to protect and advocate for the legal rights of people with disabilities in Texas. In order to assure that all students with disabilities receive a free and appropriate education, AI assists parents in planning their children’s educational program by educating them about laws, rules, and regulations that affect special education for students with disabilities.


As a result of special funding from the Texas Equal Access to Justice (TEAJ) Foundation, the El Paso Regional Office of Advocacy, Inc. established a Colonias Families Outreach Program targeting colonia residents in El Paso County to familiarize families of the educational rights available to children with disabilities. The goal is to identify and invite colonia families to attend public forums for the purpose of assisting them to advocate for appropriate supports and services for their children with disabilities.

The outreach program was initiated in May 2005 and will continue through December 2005. The first forum was held in June 2005, with a second on Aug. 17 at the Montana Vista Community Center, 14618 Greg, in East El Paso County. During the two-hour public meeting, AI staff provided families with an overview of the “Special Education and ARD Process”.

Eddie Rodriguez, El Paso’s regional manager, provided introductions and welcomed participants. The statewide Executive Director of the agency, Mary Faithfull, followed with opening remarks. Special guests included Betty Balli Torres, Executive Director of the TEAJ Foundation. She thanked everyone for attending and expressed her excitement in supporting the first colonias outreach program statewide.

The presentation by Angelica Quiñonez, Intake/Advocate, explained the legal rights entitled to children with disabilities. Parents were provided explanations and examples related to several topics regarding school districts’ special education programs. About 33 parents attended the meeting. For many parents, it was their first exposure to the information provided. As a follow up to the meeting, AI attorneys will review cases to determine priorities for legal and advocacy services for families requesting assistance at no cost.

Outreach activities will continue for colonia families in east and west El Paso County. Two additional forums are planned, one in September in Socorro and the other in October in the Canutillo/Vinton area. For more information or assistance about the legal rights of persons with disabilities call the El Paso office at (915) 542-0585, Monday through Friday.



One perspective

By Francis Shrum

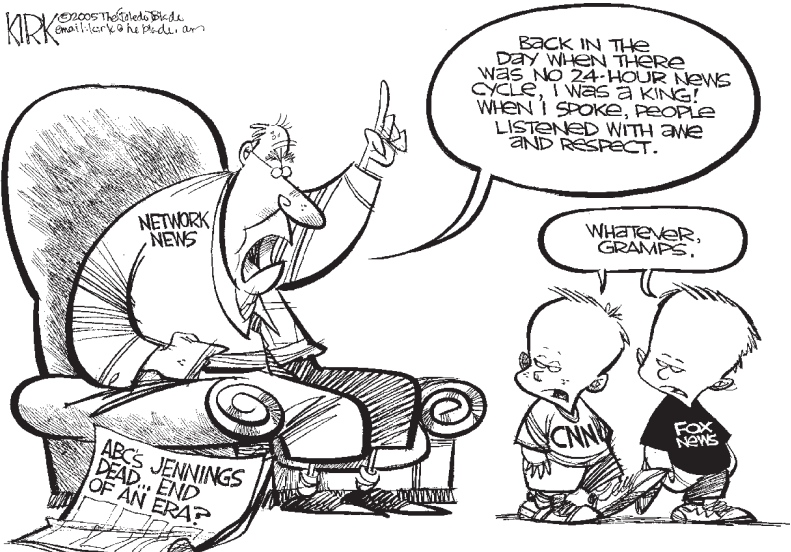
A dirty job

It must be extraordinary to have that much power. In the blink of an eye, night or day, you can have your favorite food delivered or declare nuclear war. You can win the heart of a child or a woman with just a smile, or raise the hackles of the mightiest men in international government if you choose not to smile.

You are the President of the United States of America. It's a dirty job, but somebody has to do it.

I've noticed how quickly our recent presidents age after taking up residency in the oval office. At the beginning of their campaigns they look fresh, vital and ready to take on the world. Give them six or eight months in office and they look like someone sucked out whatever was left of their youth with a syringe.

A year and a half in office and they lose whatever hair color they had. By

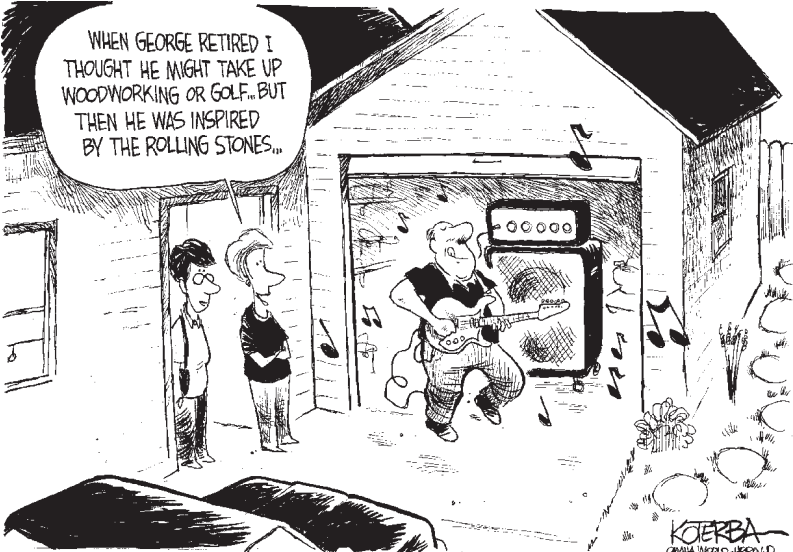


then they have begun to run either to fat or rail thinness, whichever their body type tends to do when under stress.

Three years in the big house and they have begun to get a grip on themselves, the shock gradually turning into the numb realization that they hold responsibilities in their hands that no one human being can possibly fulfill.

Why on earth any of them run for a second term is beyond me, but I suspect it has to do with either owing some pretty big debts or just being total power junkies. Hang the failing body and hoary head, they'll give it all for another hit of the good stuff.

It's been called the most powerful office extant on the face of the earth today. Maybe so. But I suspect if you ask any man who has been there, it's not



tory treats him as among the least effective. Upon being informed he had died, Dorothy Parker mused: "How could they tell?"

He didn't have to weather a terrorist attack, worry about weapons of mass destruction, or guide the country out of the depth of economic depression. In fact, considering his legacy, Coolidge was pragmatic: "The country has been at peace during that time. It hasn't had any marked commercial or financial depression... it has been a time of a fair degree of prosperity... there has been employment for everyone who wished employment... a time of marked peace in industry as between employer and employees... a large reduction in the national debt, considerable reduction in taxes."

In fact, the political genius of President Coolidge, as Walter Lippmann pointed out in 1926, was his talent for effectively doing nothing: "This active inactivity suits the mood and certain of the needs of the country admirably..."

Coolidge understood a lot about human nature and, therefore, understood pretty well the dirty job he was called to perform when President Harding died suddenly.

While he made himself extremely accessible to the public, he was widely known for sitting through interviews without saying anything. In explaining this proclivity he said: "Many times I say only 'yes' or 'no' to people. Even that is too much. It winds them up for twenty minutes more." Sounds familiar.

On another occasion he retorted: "I don't recall any candidate for President that ever injured himself very much by not talking."

I've been often amused by some of the things that have come out of the mouth of our current president — he survives under the tutelage of some Coolidge-minded advisers. I watched him feel his way through the media minefield created by yet another unprecedented national disaster this week, badgered and blamed

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Reyes Reports

By U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes

VA Secretary Nicholson to attend VetCAP meeting

One of my first actions after being elected to Congress in 1996 was the creation of the Veterans Citizen Advisory Panel, known as the "VetCAP;" in El Paso. The VetCAP is open to all interested veterans or veteran advocates in the area and is chaired by El Pasoans Ron Holmes and John McKinney. Today, almost ten years after its creation, it remains an active and strong organization that I turn to when considering legislation important to El Paso veterans in the House of Representatives. The VetCAP is also a valuable tool for area veterans, as it provides updates on issues such as veterans' health care and benefits.

The VetCAP meets monthly and veterans representing many local VSO posts (VFW, DAV, etc.) and members of my office participate. Local officials from the El Paso VA Clinic, the National Cemetery Administration, the Texas State Veterans Commission, the El Paso County

Veterans Assistance Office and many other veterans advocates also attend.

During our monthly meetings, we discuss current legislation in the House of Representatives, such as the Montgomery GI Bill Enhancement Act. In 1976, Congress created the Veteran's Educational Assistance Program (VEAP) as a recruitment and retention tool for post-Vietnam era veterans. In 1996, Congress allowed veterans with VEAP benefits to transfer their benefits to the Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB), which was significant because the MGIB offered benefits that were greater than those under VEAP.

However, individuals on active duty before 1985 who did not participate in VEAP were not eligible to sign up for MGIB, leaving a gap in available coverage for certain career military personnel. This legislation will allow veterans falling into this gap to attain the benefits they deserve.

In addition to advocating legislation such as the MGIB, the VetCAP assists

in organizing the Annual Veterans Town Hall. We have been successful in bringing high-profile guests to El Paso to address concerns of El Paso veterans and over the last few years, we have outgrown our traditional town hall format and have moved to a taped format that is aired multiple times on Time Warner cable to accommodate the growing interest. Past guests have included former Secretaries of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Hershel Gober and Anthony Principi, Under Secretary for Benefits Daniel Cooper, and Under Secretary for Health Robert Roswell.

This year, we will welcome the current VA Secretary James Nicholson, the third Secretary of Veterans Affairs to visit the Annual Town Hall. This is a testament to the great work of the VetCAP and details are forthcoming.

For more information on the VetCAP, please contact my office at 534-4400 or through my website at www.house.gov/reyes.

Name ‘Mission Valley’ gains unanimous acceptance

By Francis D. Shrum
Courier Staff Writer

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — It only took 15 years but everybody is finally on board. Now all that has to happen is usage. Referring to El Paso County’s Lower Valley as the Mission Valley is expected to give the area a new boost in marketing, maybe even in personal image.

The brain-child of the Mission Trail Association, and the personal “mission” of longtime supporter Sheldon Hall, the idea of changing the name has gained virtually area-wide acceptance by resolution from every entity from the County of El Paso to the Catholic Diocese of El Paso.

Getting it used is now the challenge.

On Dec. 3, 2001, a resolution was passed by the County of El Paso Commissioner’s Court, reading in part that Don Juan de Oñate ventured through here in January of 1598, establishing the El Camino Real as the longest highway in North America. He also stopped here for a brief repast now known in the area as the First Thanksgiving celebrated on U.S. soil. In his groundbreaking travels, Oñate opened the way for his followers to establish missions over the

next 100 years or so. These missions, according to the resolution, served as places of worship and as havens for members of the community and travelers.

Therefore, the resolution states, since the area contains several historic missions still intact and because it has been referred to only as the lower valley — lower case — instead of a more descriptive term, it was resolved that El Paso County Judge Dolores Briones and her Court of Commissioners would recognize the area as the Mission Valley — upper case — and would change all official papers and publicity to reflect that resolve.

Their resolve followed shortly on the heels of a similar resolution made by the Catholic Diocese of El Paso and the three historic missions in the

now-Mission Valley. Others came right along and the list grew: the City of Socorro, the El Paso County Historical Commission and Historical Society, the three Chambers of Commerce — Greater El Paso, the Hispanic, and the Black, the El Paso Community College, UTEP, the Concordia Heritage Association, the Caballeros de Oñate, the Mission Valley Alliance, and the San Elizario Genealogy Society.

The business community in the newly named community was right in there, too: the Mission Valley Ballroom and Convention Center, the Mission Laundry, Mission Plumbing, Mission RV Park, Mission Trail Antique Mall, Mission Tuxedo and Alterations, and so on.

Finally, at long last, the City of El Paso Council cast its vote in support last month and the deed was done — only 15 years after Sheldon Hall originally took the proposal into those prestigious chambers.

Hall was supported in this latest proposal by East-Central City Rep. Eddie Holguin, Jr. and an armload of years-old resolutions.

The *El Paso Times* said it was a good idea, calling Mission Valley a “new nickname” that implies a “classy identity.”

The *Courier* management thinks so, too. Now, let’s use it.



— File photo

NEW FACE, NEW NAME — The historic San Elizario Catholic Church has reached back into the history books and pulled out a much earlier name, San Elceario Presidio Chapel, part of a revitalization project that has spruced up the ancient structure and the surrounding plaza grounds. It now sits in what is officially known as the Mission Valley.

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

When disaster strikes, Americans show support

When Hurricane Katrina blew through the Gulf Coast it destroyed more than property; the devastating storm tore apart the lives and dreams of millions of people. Watching the carnage on television leaves many people with a feeling of hopelessness. It’s difficult to see so much destruction and loss of life, and feel that there is nothing you can do to help.

You may not be able to visit the area and physically lend a hand, but there are dozens of support organizations that need your help. If you’d like to donate financially, the American Red Cross (www.redcross.org) has a website set-up to accept your secure donation. Other organizations sanctioned by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) include America’s Second Harvest (www.secondharvest.org) and Operation Blessing (www.ob.org).

If you have the flexibility to take time off from work and volunteer, consider contacting the National Vol-

untary Organizations Active in Disaster (NVOAD) at www.nvoad.org. NVOAD has a complete list of organizations that are looking for assistance. There is a great need for assistance throughout the Gulf Coast, but there are also volunteer opportunities in our home state of Texas. Gov. Rick Perry has made space available in Texas for more than 70,000 refugees of the storm. In San Antonio alone, space is being made available at Kelly USA, Lackland Air Force Base and MacArthur High School.

Your U.S. Congress is also working to assist the victims of Hurricane Katrina. After learning from President Bush that FEMA was running low on funds, the House of Representatives called an Emergency Session last week to approve \$10.5 billion in funding for disaster relief.

I’m also proud to tell you of the hundreds of companies who have shown their support and given to the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Kimberly-Clark Corp of Dallas donated

\$250,000 and more than \$300,000 in bathroom tissue, diapers and other products. Pharmaceutical companies including Merck, Johnson & Johnson, Wyeth, AstraZeneca and Eli Lilly have donated supplies that include toiletry kits, antibiotics and insulin. In addition to donating \$2 million to the American Red Cross, Wal-Mart has created an online message board for people to post notes to family members via in-store kiosks. Volunteers from the Papa Johns Pizza franchisees have made more than 10,000 hot individual pizzas to feed the Katrina refugees their first day in Houston.

Just like in other disasters, our country has come together to show support for people in need. The thoughts and prayers of our nation are with everyone affected by this disaster. The people of America are sending a message to victims of Hurricane Katrina: You are not alone.



Dirty job

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for events and national agency performance far beyond his personal control. But I figure that’s just part of his dirty job.

In the end, I guess, the best kind of President we can hope for is one who seeks the lofty goal that Coolidge set for himself.

“There is only one form of political strategy in which I have any confidence,” he said, “And that is to try to do the right thing and sometimes succeed.”

Town of Horizon City PUBLIC NOTICE

The City Council for the Town of Horizon City approved the following item(s) during a special council meeting that was conducted on Friday, September 2, 2005:

- 1) Ordinance No. 0146 — An Ordinance adopting a budget for the Fiscal Year commencing October 1, 2005 and ending on September 30, 2006 for the Town of Horizon City. Estimated amount for the budget is \$1,884,415.

Ordinances are available for viewing or copying upon request from the City Clerk at Town Hall, 14999 Darrington Road, Horizon City, Texas, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sandra Sierra
City Clerk

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Public Hearing Notice Village of Vinton, texas

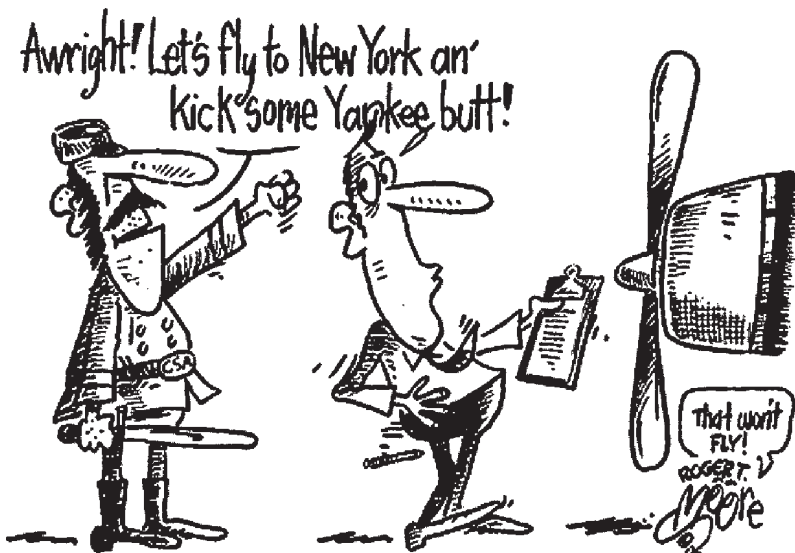
Small Town Environmental Program (STEP)

The Village of Vinton, Texas will hold a public hearing at 6 p.m. on Sept. 12, 2005 at Vinton Village Hall, 436 E. Vinton Road, in regard to the submission of an application to the Office of Rural Community Affairs for a Small Town Environmental Program (STEP) grant. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the program plan, determine level of participation and capacity. The Village of Vinton encourages citizens to participate in the development of this STEP application and to make their views known at this public hearing.

Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to Juvencia Rios-Ontiveros. Mayor of Village of Vinton at the Village Hall. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact the Village Hall to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact the Village Hall at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Mayor
Juvencia Rios-Ontiveros

Date:
September 8, 2005



Moore Texas by Roger T. Moore, Sept.6,1961:A non-profit charter was granted for the Confederate Air Force.

Tornillo schools host parent meetings

By Rudy Barreda
Special to the Courier

TORNILLO — In an effort to strengthen collaboration among parents and school personnel, Tornillo Elementary and Tornillo Intermediate Schools have begun hosting morning parent meetings. Entitled

“Coffee and Cookies,” these weekly meetings are coordinated by Tornillo counselor Antonio Rosales. The teachers of two grade levels rotate hosting the event each week.

During the sessions, parents are given an opportunity to meet key support staff and become familiar with the services they provide. Presenters include the campus principal, school

nurse, school counselor, Reading First Literacy Coach, as well as the host teachers.

“It’s important for us as educators to develop a positive rapport with our parents,” said Rosales. “The meetings also give parents an opportunity to become aware of upcoming school programs and events, as well as parental involvement activities.”

The first “Coffee and Cookies” parent meeting was held on Aug. 31. The schedule for the September meetings is as follows:

- Sept. 9 - 1st/2nd Grade;
- Sept. 15 - 5th/6th Grade; and
- Sept. 20 - 3rd/4th Grade.

All meetings will be held at 8:30 a.m. in the cafeteria at Tornillo Elementary School, 19200 Gaby Road. Additional information may be obtained by contacting Rosales at 764-2366, extension 500.

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COMMUNITY NEWS TO:
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852-3235

Notice of Public Meeting to Discuss Clint Independent School District’s State Financial Accountability Rating

Clint Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 5:30 PM, Wednesday, September 21, 2005, in the Board Room, in the Clint Central Administration Office, 14521 Horizon Blvd., El Paso, Texas 79928.

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

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El Paso County Tornillo Water Improvement District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The El Paso County Tornillo Water Improvement District will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2005 on September 15, 2005, 6:00 pm, at 19211 Cobb St., Tornillo, Texas 79853. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

FOR the proposal:	Eliberto Nuñez, Estela Pacheco, Clemente Escalante, Luis Vega and Delia Bochmeyer	
AGAINST the proposal:	NONE	
PRESENT and not voting:	NONE	
ABSENT:	Jose Luis Soria and Warren Ivey	

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 value)	\$0.066343/\$100 Adopted	\$0.066343/\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	+ \$0.000000/\$100	
Percentage increase / decrease in rates (+/-)	0.00%	
Average appraised value	\$ 30,779	\$ 31,970
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen’s or disabled persons exemptions)	\$0	\$ 0
Average taxable value	\$ 30,779	\$ 31,970
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 20.42	\$ 21.21
Annual increase / decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)	+ \$0.79	
and percentage of increase (+/-)	+ 3.87%	

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS’ RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the rollback tax rate under Section 49.236(d), Water Code.

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endeavor of the City of El Paso’s Community & Human Development Department, funded by the Corporation for National Service, the Texas Department on Aging and the City of El Paso. Schools requesting a Foster Grandparent simply contact the Program to request a volunteer. The program then tries to locate a trained volunteer who lives in the school’s area. Amy B. Rivera, a first grade teacher at Hambric, knew about the program and requested a Grandma for her class.

“Younger students want to make sure they are doing the work right,” she says. “So I’ll have about eight of them showing me their work or asking me questions all at the same time. Grandma helps with that. Some of the kids will go to her.”

Grandma Valenzuela agrees with Rivera’s assessment completely. She says it’s very easy for her to help the children with their request.

“Sometimes they ask simple questions like ‘What color should this be’ or ‘What’s the next letter in

this word,’” she says. “They just want reassurance.”

And almost on cue, first grader Taylor Meno approached Grandma to benefit from that extra spelling help.

“Grandma helps us if we have trouble spelling words,” she says. “She helps us to listen, too.”

But it is obvious the effect Grandma has on the entire class is more than academic, as witnessed by the number of hugs she received upon her departure from class. Foster Grandmas volunteer four hours a day.

“She’s a great grandma,” says first-grader Kimberly Rodriguez. “She helps us when we need help and she reads us books. She’s so nice.”

Grandma Valenzuela says that although it may seem like the children are the only ones benefiting from the program, she too is a beneficiary.

“I retired in 2003 and thought I was going to stay home and do lots of things around the house,” she says. “I retired in May and was bored by August. So I enrolled in the Foster Grandparent Program and started in September of 2003. The kids keep you going. They tell me things that make me laugh every day.”

Town of Horizon City Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

Last year, the Town of Horizon City’s property tax rate was \$0.287500/100. That rate raised \$770,513, a portion of which was used to fund operations such as:

Police protection, street maintenance, wages, salaries, public health services, Planning & Zoning, building codes and enforcement.

This year, the Town of Horizon City is proposing a property tax rate of \$0.310000. That rate would raise \$975,473, which is \$204,960 more than taxes imposed last year.

The first of two public hearings to consider that increase was held on Friday, September 2, 2005.

The second public hearing will be held on **Friday, September 9, 2005, 6:30 p.m.** at 14999 Darrington Road, Horizon City, Texas 79928.

You have a right to attend the hearings and make comments. You are encouraged to attend and make comments if you wish.

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Briefs

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In other news

■ The price for natural gas on the New York Stock Exchange reached record levels in late August and was driven even higher on fears of supply disruption caused by the deadly Hurricane Katrina. While the cost of gas for El Paso customers jumped 26 percent from August to September, the warm weather will keep the impact to reasonable levels — however, the full effect of the increases won’t be felt until cold weather. Richard Fleager, vice president of operations for Texas Gas Service’s Western Region said TGS does not earn any profit from the sale of natural gas, and is concerned because the market for natural gas remains tight, keeping market prices at historically high levels. He said TGS offers a leveled payment plan which can help manage volatile gas costs. Information: 562-8411.

■ This year, the Horizon City Police Department will be hosting the annual 911 Tribute, according to HCPD Chief Tony Aguilar. It will be held at the Horizon City Town Hall parking lot, 14999 Darrington Road, on Saturday, Sept. 10, 2005, at 8 a.m. The public is invited to welcome to attend the ceremony. Light refreshments will be served inside city hall after the ceremony. Officers, City Hall Employees, Fire Fighters, EMS, CERT members, other law enforcement agencies and citizens of the community are expected to attend.

■ The Town of Anthony is currently forming a Mayor’s advisory committee, made up of town residents, in response to the community’s desire to have more access to the decision-making process on issues such as the budget, police department and future growth. The six-member committee will have advisory responsibility but no authority. Volunteers are being sought to serve on the committee, to include four residents of the community, a member of the school board, and a student from AISD. Those interested can call the town hall at 886-3944. Please leave a name and number and purpose of your call if there is no answer.

■ The El Paso Community College Mission Del Paso inaugurated bus service to the campus from Mission Valley communities and Horizon City on Sept. 1. The El Paso County Transit System will provide transportation six times per day. For schedule information call 532-3415.

■ Sarah D. Gonzales of Clint has accepted membership in the National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS) and will be honored during a campus ceremony in the fall at UTEP. The membership is a symbol of outstanding academic achievement and allows access to scholarships, career resources and leadership opportunities. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lupe C. Gonzales of Clint.

■ Trustees in the Socorro Independent School District voted unanimously last week to approve a tax rate of \$1.627582 per \$100 valuation. That is a decrease of one cent per \$100 valuation from last year’s

tax rate of \$1.637700. The average taxable value of a home in SISD went up about \$5,000 this year to \$73,188. The approved tax rate allows the district to maintain the same level of maintenance and operations revenue as last year while lowering the tax rate. Socorro’s tax base has increased due to the tremendous growth in East El Paso. In addition, the District’s recent bond rating upgrade to A-plus will enable the district to receive lower interest rates on bond sales, with which Socorro is building new schools to meet its continued growth. When classes began in SISD last month, the district had grown to more than 36,000 students — more than 2,000 more than last year. Working within the lower tax rate, Socorro Trustees last week approved an average five percent pay raise for employees in the district, making SISD’s entry level teachers and substitute teachers the highest paid in the region.

■ The Mission Trail Association is sponsoring the Rio Grande Chile War Festival on September 24 at the Speaking Rock Parking Lot, 119 S. Old Pueblo Rd., featuring Grammy Award Winner Little Joe and La Familia. Showtime is 2 p.m. to 2 a.m. Food, games, arts and crafts, as well as a chile-eating contest will be featured. Tickets may be purchased at a discount prior to the event at All That Music, 1506 N. Lee Trevino, Ste. D. Information: 915-422-1700.

■ Hurshel Antwine School will host their first Fall Festival on Friday Sept. 23 from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. and on Saturday Sept. 24 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The school is looking for vendors of any kind, including arts and crafts, food or entertainment and/or other activities. The cost is \$12 for a space. There will be a local car club showing off their cars and a DJ from Power 102 will provide the music for both days. For information, contact Carlos M. Puertas or Evelyn Ortiz at 937-6405.

■ Two Socorro ISD schools have received a literacy grant from Sam’s Club. Campestre Elementary will receive a \$2,000 grant and Vista Del Sol will receive a \$1,000 grant. The grants will be used by each campus to promote literacy among the campus communities.

■ Estella Padilla, a Socorro ISD teacher, is starting a Teachers Bowling League at Oasis Lanes, starting on Wednesday, Sept. 21 at 5 p.m. This league will bowl every Wednesday at 5 p.m. through Dec. 21. Teams will consist of three members, any combination of male or female. The first meeting will be held Sept. 21 before the league begins in order to go over the rules. The cost will be \$10 per week per person. For information, contact Estella Padilla at 937-5690.

■ Americas High School will host the 10th Annual Christmas Fair on Dec. 2, 5-9:30 p.m. Vendors to fill limited spaces may contact Miyesser Collins at 937-2832 for applications.

■ *A Little Night Music* will light up Montwood High School during a special event on Sept. 24, 5-8 p.m. The Fine Arts department is offering music by Mariachi Sangre Mexicana an Mariachi Aventurero, as well as Montwood’s orchestra, choir, folklorico, musical theatre, Emerald danc-

ommended that Reyes Fierro, Director of Public Works, inspect the property and begin to cite Sierra Metals if they are in violation of their zoning. The City of Socorro does not have to wait for the findings of TCEQ, he said. Their findings would be in addition to any citations issued by the City of Socorro.

A motion was made to have Fierro move forward with inspections of the business and City Rep. Gary Gandara and Jesus Gandara abstained from voting. The motion passed three to zero.

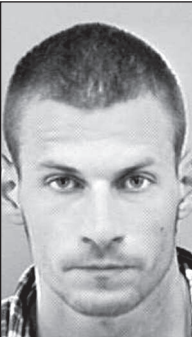
ers, guitar ensemble, A-team and the cumbia/salsa band Ritmo Caliente will perform. Vendors may call Jennifer Luna at 937-2591 to participate.

■ Friends of the Governor’s Mansion, a Texas nonprofit organization, will host its second annual History Presentation Project Contest for Texas high school students. The *It’s Your History* contest encourages students in the study of local history and enhances computer skills in conjunction with state curriculum. Students must create a PowerPoint presentation on a topic concerning their county’s history. The entry form and complete guidelines are available at www.txfgmcontest.org. Participants must register online no later than Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2005. The deadline for submitting completed projects is Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2005. The winning entries will be announced in mid-December. For more information contact Jane Karotkin at (512) 474-9960.

■ More women die each year of lung cancer than breast cancer. If you smoke, the longer you do, the more likely you are to develop lung cancer. Read Lung Cancer, a fact sheet from the Food and Drug Administration’s Office of Women’s Health, to find out symptoms to watch for, early di-

agnostic tests that are available, treatments and more. For a free copy, send your name and address to the Federal Citizen Information Center, Dept. 567M, Pueblo, CO 81009, or call toll-free 1 (888) 8 PUEBLO, that’s 1 (888) 878-3256 and ask for Item 567M. And visit <http://www.pueblo.gsa.gov> to order online and to print out this and hundreds of other FCIC publications for free.

■ Detectives from the El Paso Police Department’s Crimes Against Persons Unit (CAP) and Special Agents from the FBI took 26-year-old Jarrod Michael Walsh into custody at the Bridge of Americas as the suspect in the recent bank robbery that occurred at the Wells Fargo Bank located at 6175 Gateway West. Walsh has been booked into the El Paso County Jail on Federal Bank Robbery charges in relation to the city’s fourth bank robbery for 2005 in which an undisclosed amount of cash was taken. Police said Walsh is a resident of Houston.



Walsh

CORRECTED NOTICE

2005 Property Tax Rates in El Paso County Emergency Services District #1

This notice concerns 2005 property tax rates for the **El Paso County Emergency Services District #1**. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year’s tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year’s effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year’s rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year’s tax rate:	
Last year’s operating taxes _____	\$ 461,755
Last year’s debt taxes _____	\$ -0-
Last year’s total taxes _____	\$ 461,755
Last year’s tax base _____	\$ 471,606,867
Last year’s total tax rate _____	\$ 0.097911/\$100

This year’s effective tax rate:	
Last year’s adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property) _____	\$ 461,240
+This year’s adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property) _____	\$ 495,283,319
=This year’s effective tax rate _____	\$ 0.093126/\$100

(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings)

This year’s rollback tax rate:	
Last year’s adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for transferred function, tax increment financing, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures) _____	
+This year’s adjusted tax base _____	\$ 495,283,319
=This year’s effective operating rate _____	\$ 0.093126/\$100
x1.08 = this year’s maximum operating rate _____	\$ 0.100576/\$100
+This year’s debt rate _____	\$ 0.000000/\$100
=This year’s rollback rate _____	\$ 0.100576/\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If the **El Paso County Emergency Services District #1** adopts a 2005 tax rate equal to the effective rate of \$ **0.093126** per \$100 of value, taxes would **increase** compared to 2004 taxes by \$ **56,159**.

SCHEDULE A — Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit’s property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Maintenance & Operation (M&O) _____	\$ 495,545
Debt Service (I&S) _____	\$ -0-

SCHEDULE B — 2005 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
Capital Lease-Fire Truck	\$ 41,892	\$ 6,895	\$-0-	\$ 48,787

Total required for 2005 debt service _____	\$ 48,787
-Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A _____	\$ 48,787
-Amount (if any) paid from other resources _____	\$ -0-
-Excess collections last year _____	\$ -0-
=Total to be paid from taxes in 2005 _____	\$ -0-
+Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100% of its taxes in 2005 _____	\$ -0-
=Total Debt Levy _____	\$ -0-

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rate calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 500 E. Overland Avenue Suite 101, El Paso, Texas 79901.

Name of person preparing this notice: Victor A. Flores, R.T.C.
Title: County Tax Assessor-Collector
Date prepared: August 11, 2005

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had voted in the past on issues concerning Sierra Metals on the advice of City Attorney Contreras and that his vote was not in favor of Sierra Metals.

Contreras then advised City Council that Sierra Metals is zoned as an M-1 and he rec-

Hurricane could blow the New Orleans Saints into San Antonio

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

When all the weather prognosticators took turns predicting how devastating hurricane Katrina would eventually be, I had a tough time believing all the talk of total destruction.

As it turned out, it was worse than I ever imagined. I guess all of us can say that.

When there was talk that the Category-5 hurricane had dropped in strength to a Category-4 and then a three, I had a lot of hope. Then there was talk about the eye veering east and missing a direct hit on New Orleans.

But alas, the images of the last week have weighed heavily on everyone. The visions of all the houses under water and the buildings torn to pieces and the families without a place to live makes one that much more thankful for everything they have.

And though sports take a definite back seat to the real story of the lives directly affected by mother nature’s worst, it can sometimes have a healing effect.

The New Orleans Saints have a problem. The

NFL begins its season this week and we all saw how Katrina poked holes into the Super Dome’s roof.

Like so many others who used to call Louisiana home, the Saints now find themselves without a home field. The Saints will play their first scheduled home game on a Monday night — in New York against the Giants.

But rather than make all the Saints games road games, there’s a plan in place.

There’s talk of the New Orleans Saints switching all their home games for this year to San Antonio.

Hey, what do you do when a family member is in trouble? You take him into your home until he gets back on his feet.

The city of San Antonio has the Alamodome and no team to play in it. Sounds like a logical next step to me.

Give the Saints players, family members, fans and office staff a place to call home. It won’t be permanent and it won’t feel as comfortable as home — but it’s a place to play until the team and the city gets back on its feet.

The citizens of San Antonio, for one season, would surely adopt the team and support it as

their own. New Orleans is close enough to the Alamo City and the fans there would welcome the chance to attend real NFL games.

It’s a match we wish never had to be made. But since things are the way they are, it’s important that these two cities begin their kinship.

If the NFL decides to do this the fans of the New Orleans Saints will be so grateful. Some day in the future they’ll tell their grandkids about the time the citizens of San Antonio lent a helping hand.

They’ll sit with their grandkids and remind them to always “Remember the Alamodome!”

UTEP blows away NMSU

It was expected. It was predicted. It was delivered.

And was it ever boring.

The Miners completely controlled both sides of the line of scrimmage in the first half of last weekend’s game against the NMSU Aggies.

UTEP was so dominant that the game had already been decided halfway through it, as the Miners held a comfortable 31-0 lead.

Jordan Palmer threw, Tyler Ebell ran, Jason Boyd caught, Thomas Howard tackled and

Mike Price coached. That’s a tough combination for any team to handle.

The only downer for the Miners was the way they came out for the second half — they didn’t.

With the game firmly in hand, someone forgot to tell the Miners that there was still another 30 minutes of football left on the clock.

As it turned out, the Miners didn’t need them. The half-time lead was enough to win the game 34-17, but the players knew better.

Coach Eric Price told me the bus was awful quiet on its way back to El Paso and that the locker room back in the Sun Bowl was just as quiet. Unusual for a team that just won a game by two touchdowns and a field goal.

But it proves the team has as much character as it does talent. To be aware that it didn’t put out its best effort is definitely a step forward.

Against the Aggies, the Miners left their momentum in the locker room at half-time. Don’t look for the Miners to make the same mistake again.

The Miners gained two important things last Saturday, a season-opening victory and a dose of humility.

Americas freshman wins gold medal at Junior Olympic

By Carlos A. Briano
Special to the Courier

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — Despite being only 5’5”, Americas High freshman Roman Romero has a special leaping ability.

“I discovered I could jump pretty

high when I started playing basketball,” he says. “I can touch the rim and dunk a tennis ball.”

So two years ago when Roman noticed some high jumpers practicing, he decided to give it a try. He joined the Wings club track team this summer and used that extraordinary talent to win a gold medal in the National Junior Olympic Track and Field Championships in Indianapolis. He also finished fifteenth in the Youth Boys long jump and medaled with a seventh place finish in the triple jump.

“This is a very big accomplishment for Roman,” says his Wings coach George Luevano. “He was basically competing against college-level competition. This is going to open up a lot of college track opportunities.”

Roman started by winning the

Youth Boys long jump, high jump and triple jump in the Border Association Track and Field Championships. He then placed first in all three events at the District 10 Track and Field Championships competing against jumpers from Utah, New Mexico, Arizona and Colorado. This extraordinary sweep qualified him for the national championships.

“I was pretty confident going into nationals because they had the ratings posted,” Roman says. “My average was several inches above everyone else.”

Roman leaped six feet and three-quarters of an inch, winning the high jump event by two inches.

According to Luevano, that height puts Roman in the top three high school high jumpers in the city.

“I know all the high jumpers in the

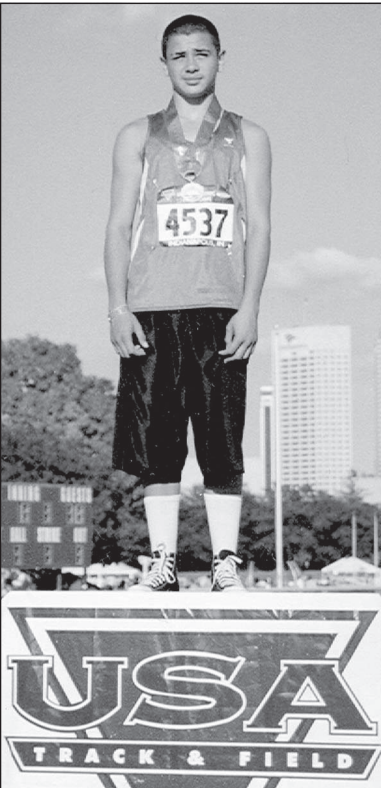
city and he’s definitely in the top three,” Luevano says.

One of his Americas High track coaches met Roman at football practice and had seen his name in the local paper regarding the Jr. Olympic results.

“I put two and two together,” says coach Moises Loya. “Plus as soon as he started coming to Americas he asked who the track coaches were.”

Loya says freshmen have made the varsity track team in the past and agrees with Luevano that his current average height gives Roman a good chance.

“If he works hard and does what coaches ask of him, good things are going to come his way,” he says.



LEGAL

SOCORRO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Invitation to Bid/Respond:

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2005

SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATION SERVICES CSP NO. 199-0915-0659 ACCEPTED UNTIL 10:00 A.M.

DISTRICT EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM CSP NO. 199-0915-0660 ACCEPTED UNTIL 10:00 A.M.

Proposals will be received at Business Services Dept., 12300 Eastlake Drive, El Paso, Texas 79928 until the specified times. Detailed specifications are available from the above office between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and on the Socorro Independent School District’s website: www.sisd.net. WTCC-09/08/05

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THURSDAY,

SEPTEMBER 15, 2005

FINANCIAL TPA SERVICES (RE-BID) RFP NO. 199-0915-0649RB ACCEPTED UNTIL 10:30 A.M.

Proposals will be received at Business Services Dept., 12300 Eastlake Drive, El Paso, Texas 79928 until the specified times. Detailed specifications are available from the above office between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and on the Socorro Independent School District’s website: www.sisd.net. WTCC-09/08/05

PUBLIC NOTICE
As per Article V, Sec. 5.05(a), all owners and lienholders have ten (10) days from

this date to reclaim their vehicles at Southwest Wrecker, 1401 Darrington Rd., 855-1900, 851-2091-fax, or it will be sold at public auction for charges: VIN - 2B6HB21Z7LK32168, 1990 Dodge Ram van, Chihuahua licens 285SJD-4 WTCC-09/08/05

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Do you need a reliable baby-sitter for the evenings and/or weekends? Call me for an interview @ 852-2734.

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- APODACA LAND CO. 915-859-5472**

SELF-HELP

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

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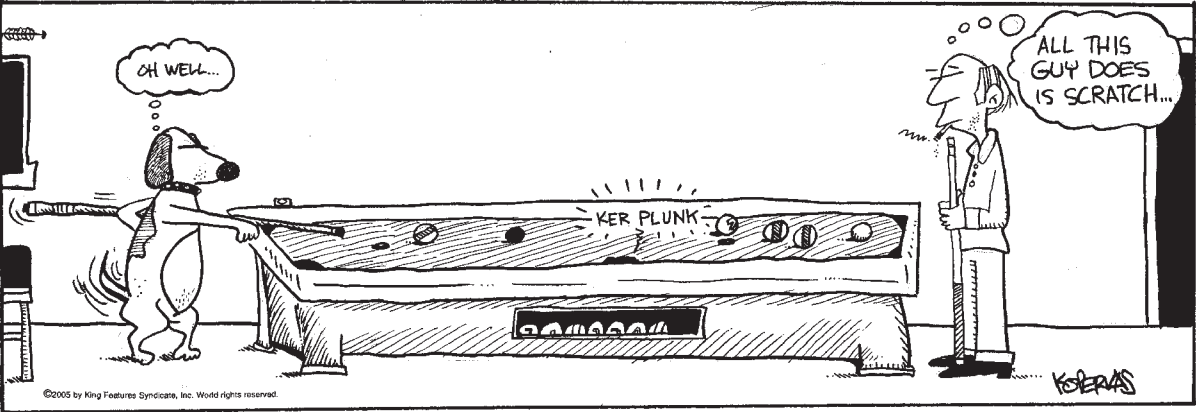
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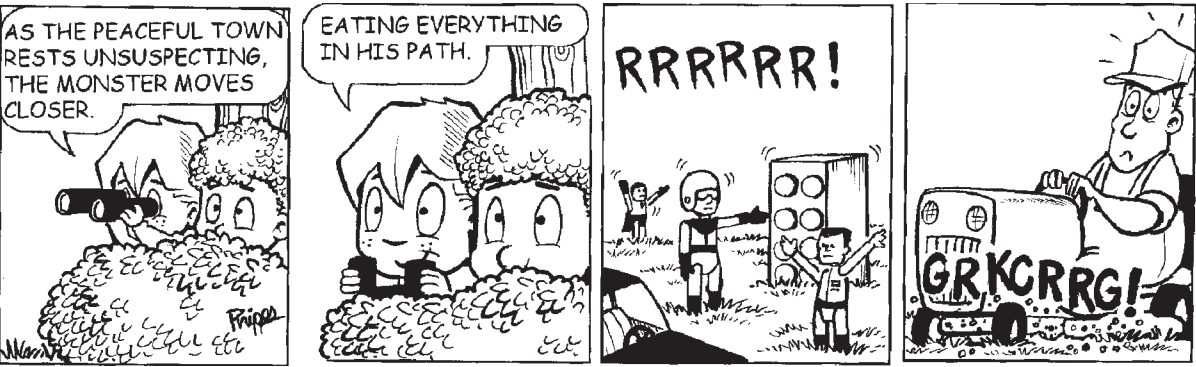
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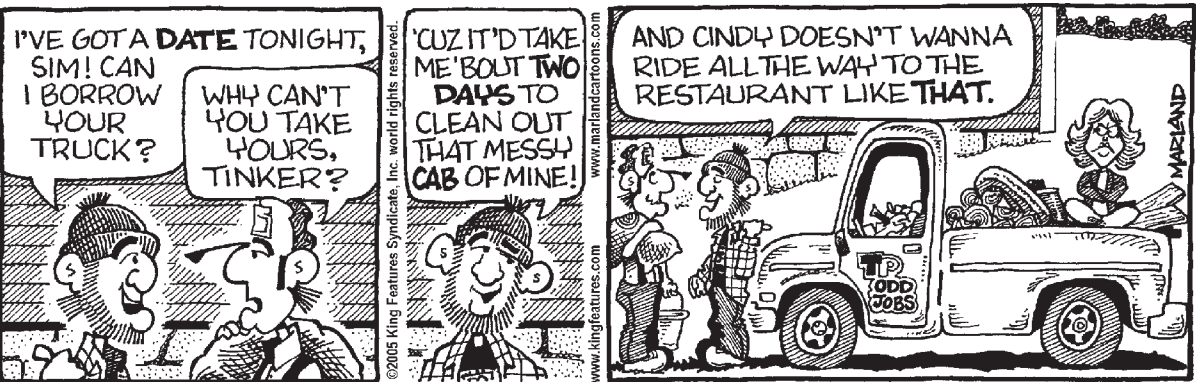
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Male penguins, arise!

By Don Flood

I hope I speak for all men when I say: It’s time we reach out to our penguin brothers.

And I am talking about the brothers here, because they are the most oppressed males on the planet, with the possible exception of sit-com dads.

(Some would also mention the male spiders, since they are eaten by their mates. But they are not so much oppressed as they are consumed.)

My consciousness concerning the plight of male penguins was raised by a recent viewing of “March of the Penguins,” a movie that documents what at first glance appears to be a very classy cotillion.

Every year, moved by — who knows? — the sheer boredom of living in Antarctica, thousands of penguins dressed in their fancy tuxedos start waddling in single file for what seems like endless stretches of cold, desolate landscape until they finally reach their destination: another endless stretch of cold, desolate landscape.

Frankly, I would have left right then, but the penguins seem to get over it and commence to picking out partners, which is extremely difficult since all penguins look alike.

(True fact: Penguins recognize each other by voice, leading to potentially awkward moments: “Hey, sorry pal, I didn’t realize I was making out with your wife. She didn’t say anything.”)

This makes the pickup line all-important, with the most popular one being, “So, cold enough for you?”

Since this is what passes for wit in Penguin World, the female usually says, “OK, you’ll do.”

I don’t want to spoil the movie for those who haven’t seen it, but right after laying the egg, the females split to get something to eat — *for four months*.

The guys, only now realizing they’ve been suckered, have to take care of the egg for four of the coldest, nastiest months you can imagine — holding it on top of their feet *the whole time* so that it will stay warm underneath their feathers.

During these months the males do not eat *anything* and — as far as I could tell — are not able to watch sports on TV.

To get an idea of just how difficult this would be, take an egg down to your local cold storage plant and ask if you could conduct an experiment re-creating the nesting habits of the male penguin.

(At this time, I am required to state that federal guidelines strongly advise against cold storage penguin experiments of more than 45 minutes’ duration.)

And then when the chicks finally are born, the moms aren’t even there! They’re still on their four-month Girls Night Out.

Talk about clueless dads. They’re in a pathetic stupor by this time. All they remember is heading out for what they thought would be a good time and it turns into the Babysitting Nightmare That Never Ends.

Far be it for me to criticize male penguins and their role in this Grand Cycle of Nature that’s been going on for millions of years, but: Are you guys nuts? Spring break in Antarctica?

Head to Lauderdale instead. You can even lose the tuxedo and wear swim trunks.

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ACROSS

1 Gung-ho

5 Petite pooch

8 Curly coif

12 Easter essential

18 Actress Merrill

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20 Harness part

21 Llama kin

22 Faction

23 Pin part

24 Swimmer Biondi

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47 Canine comic strip?

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Social Security Q&A

By Ray Vigil

Q: My mother-in-law will be moving in with us for awhile. She gets Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits. Since her SSI payments are deposited directly to her bank account, does she need to report the move to Social Security?

A: Yes. People who get SSI need to report any change in living arrangements within 10 days. If your mother-in-law does not report the change in time, she could end up receiving an incorrect payment and have to pay that money back. Also, she needs to

report her new address to Social Security so that she can continue to receive mail from Social Security when necessary.

Q: I am 66 years old and ready to retire. I am trying to put together a monthly budget for my retirement and wondered if my Social Security benefits would be taxable?

A: You would have to pay taxes on some of your benefits if:

- You file a federal tax return as an

“individual,” and your total adjusted gross income is more than \$25,000; or

- You file a joint return, and you and your spouse have a total adjusted gross income above \$32,000.

About one-third of all people who receive Social Security benefits have to pay taxes on their benefits. If you think you would have to pay Federal income taxes on your Social Security benefits, you should know that you can have federal taxes withheld from your benefit payments. You can get a Form W-4V from the Internal Revenue Service by calling the toll-

free telephone number, 1-800-829-3676, or by visiting www.socialsecurity.gov on the Internet. After completing and signing the form, return it to your local Social Security office either by mail or in person.

Q: My dad, who has limited income, gets Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits because of serious physical ailments, and is now beginning to develop Alzheimer’s disease. My sister and I do not want him to live alone any longer and are looking to place him in a nursing home so that he can get the care he needs. But we wondered if and how this

might affect his SSI benefits?

A: A person usually cannot get SSI while in an institution. If an SSI beneficiary enters or leaves a residential institution, skilled nursing facility, nursing home or any other kind of institution, Social Security needs to be notified.

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.

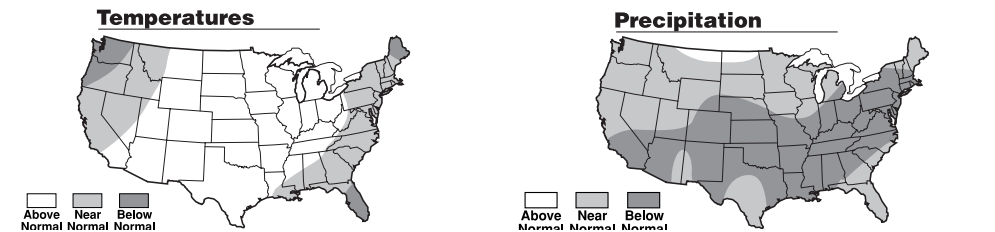
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Partly sunny	Mainly clear	Partly sunny	A thunderstorm possible	Mostly sunny	Mostly cloudy	Mostly sunny	Partly sunny
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WEATHER TRENDS THIS WEEK



IN THE SKY

Sun	Rise	Set	Moon	Rise	Set	First	Full
Thu.	6:45 a.m.	7:21 p.m.	Thu.	11:16 a.m.	9:58 p.m.		
Fri.	6:46 a.m.	7:19 p.m.	Fri.	12:20 p.m.	10:36 p.m.	9/11	9/17
Sat.	6:47 a.m.	7:18 p.m.	Sat.	1:26 p.m.	11:22 p.m.	Last	New
Sun.	6:47 a.m.	7:17 p.m.	Sun.	2:32 p.m.	none		
Mon.	6:48 a.m.	7:15 p.m.	Mon.	3:34 p.m.	12:18 a.m.	9/25	10/3
Tues.	6:48 a.m.	7:14 p.m.	Tues.	4:31 p.m.	1:22 a.m.		
Wed.	6:49 a.m.	7:13 p.m.	Wed.	5:19 p.m.	2:34 a.m.		

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REGIONAL CITIES

	Thursday			Friday			Saturday			Sunday		
City	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W
Abilene, TX	95	72	s	95	72	s	94	68	s	91	68	s
Albuquerque, NM	82	62	t	84	62	t	80	60	t	78	58	t
Amarillo, TX	90	62	s	91	63	s	88	60	t	84	61	s
Austin, TX	96	71	s	95	70	t	92	69	t	92	70	s
Brownsville, TX	91	75	t	92	76	t	93	75	t	94	75	r
Dodge City, KS	90	62	pc	92	62	s	91	63	s	90	61	s
Jackson, MS	92	69	s	91	70	pc	92	69	pc	93	68	pc
Laredo, TX	93	76	t	93	75	t	95	75	t	96	75	pc
Little Rock, AR	93	67	s	91	68	s	91	69	s	91	66	s
Lubbock, TX	92	66	s	90	66	t	88	66	t	86	64	t
Memphis, TN	90	69	s	91	73	s	90	72	s	90	70	s
Midland, TX	90	68	s	91	69	t	92	68	t	90	68	s
Pueblo, CO	88	54	t	90	54	t	90	54	t	86	52	s
Roswell, NM	90	62	pc	90	62	s	91	62	t	89	62	s
St. Louis, MO	90	68	pc	87	68	pc	87	68	s	89	67	c
San Antonio, TX	94	74	t	92	74	t	90	72	t	91	71	pc
Texarkana, AR	93	68	s	93	70	s	94	71	s	92	68	s
Waco, TX	97	71	s	97	71	s	94	71	s	91	71	s
Wichita, KS	94	65	pc	93	65	s	90	67	s	90	67	s

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

U.S. CITIES

	Thursday			Friday			Saturday			Sunday		
City	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W
Atlanta	86	66	pc	88	66	pc	87	67	pc	87	68	pc
Boston	83	63	s	78	58	pc	74	56	s	77	63	s
Chicago	80	62	t	84	64	pc	86	64	pc	86	66	pc
Denver	82	56	t	84	56	t	84	56	t	81	53	s
Detroit	78	60	t	78	62	pc	80	62	s	82	62	s
Houston	94	74	t	94	74	t	92	74	pc	92	74	t
Indianapolis	84	63	t	85	63	c	83	64	pc	84	63	pc
Kansas City	89	65	t	87	67	s	86	66	s	87	64	sh
Los Angeles	79	62	pc	79	62	pc	77	62	pc	77	59	pc
Miami	90	77	t	90	79	t	90	79	t	89	79	t
Minneapolis	78	60	t	82	64	pc	84	66	pc	82	61	r
New Orleans	91	74	pc	89	74	pc	90	75	pc	91	74	t
New York City	84	66	s	84	66	pc	82	66	s	80	67	s
Omaha	84	66	pc	85	68	t	86	65	s	87	62	s
Phoenix	106	81	s	100	78	t	99	78	s	97	76	s
San Francisco	67	56	pc	69	56	pc	66	54	pc	69	55	pc
Seattle	72	54	pc	66	54	sh	66	52	pc	66	52	sh
Washington	86	66	s	84	64	pc	84	64	s	86	66	s

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