



## NEWSBRIEFS

### National 4-H Week

The El Paso County 4-H Clubs will celebrate National 4-H Week, Oct. 2-8, with several community events. On Oct. 1, local 4-H youth will challenge El Paso's media to test their knowledge on nutrition during the televised "Nutrition Quiz Bowl." Then on Oct. 8, the "Taste of 4-H" will be held at the Mission Trail Harvest Market, with the new attraction of a food show and Ice Cream Challenge. 4-H is the largest youth development program in the U.S., established in 1902. It currently has more than seven million members. For more information, log on at [www.4husa.org](http://www.4husa.org), or call Maru Barúa at the Texas Cooperative Extension, 859-7725, ext. 233.

### Helping find them

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) has established a toll-free number family members can call to locate hospital and nursing home patients evacuated by the facility because of Hurricane Rita. People within Texas may call 877-623-6274 for location of displaced hospital and nursing home patients 24 hours a day. Those in Austin should call 512-458-7189. Callers need the name, date of birth and gender of the patient. In cooperation with the Texas Hospital Association, DSHS will provide the hospital name and location if available in its directory but not the patient's health status.

### Missing girl

Detectives from the El Paso Police Department's Westside Regional Command are asking for the public's assistance in locating a missing young woman. Family members and friends last saw 17-year old Lilian Rivota, from the 600 block of La Chapa, on July 5, 2005. Rivota is described as 5 feet tall, 100 pounds, brown hair with brown eyes. Anyone who may have seen Lilian Rivota or has information on her whereabouts is asked to call police communications immediately at 832-4400 or 1-800-237-0797.



Lilian Rivota

### In other news

■ The U.S. Customs and Border Patrol confiscated 1,252 pounds of marijuana in two separate incidents last weekend, involving the arrest of four illegal aliens hiding in a pecan orchard west of the Fabens Port of Entry early on Saturday morning, and the seizure of a van later that same day that was abandoned by several subjects who fled across the border into Mexico as agents approached. Street value

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*It's not so much what we know as how we use what we know.*

— Quips & Quotes

## Canutillo's Homecoming Parade winner commemorates Katrina



— Photo courtesy Canutillo ISD

First place in the Canutillo High School Homecoming Parade went to the Class of 2007, now Juniors, shown riding atop their pirate ship float, aptly named the U.S.S. Katrina. The pirate ship's cannon could be heard as the procession paraded in front of over 2,000 viewers that lined both sides of the street throughout the two mile parade route. The parade included more than 15 floats and groups who marched through Canutillo.

— Contributed by Kim Guzman

## Alarcón becomes fruited plain as school celebrates legendary apple-planter

By Phillip Cortez  
Special to the Courier

MISSION VALLEY — The students at Alarcón Elementary in San Elizario celebrated the birthday of John Chapman, better known as "Johnny Appleseed," by studying his life through activities that spanned the curriculum, according to Cathy Hale, librarian at the school.

Learning activities and projects were geared for children in grades 1-5, she said, touching on math, science, reading, writing, as well as arts and crafts. In fact, almost everywhere you

look while walking through the school's halls, you'll see apples galore — the way Johnny would have liked it.

Outside of Guadalupe Flores' first grade classroom, a collection of small posters depicting Johnny and one of his trees full of ripe apples are on display with a message written by each student, explaining what made the tree planter so famous. More than an arts and crafts activity, the projects also indicate that different subjects were implemented into the activity. Each paper apple on the tree features the

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— Photo courtesy Socorro ISD

WHO DO WE APPRECIATE? — The Horizon Heights Hornet cheerleaders chant a special cheer for departing SISD Board of Trustee John Page.

## Horizon Heights bids fond farewell to departing school board member

By Carlos A. Briano  
Special to the Courier

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — Surrounded by his wife, friends, Vietnam Veterans, fellow board members, politicians and dozens of Horizon Heights Elementary students; departing Socorro ISD Board Secretary John Page bid farewell to a beloved campus and his position as a school board trustee. Page, who represented District 2 which includes the Horizon City area, is leaving El Paso for Kansas so he and his wife can be close to their daughter.

"To me this is embarrassing, but it is also an honor," Page said. "I have loved being on the school board to help kids. You have great joy when the board focuses on children."

At the ceremony conducted just outside the school, the Horizon Heights Hornet cheerleaders

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— Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD

TOP JOB — August Employee of the Month Ivette Hinojos and Supervisor of the Month Raul Jacques.

## SEISD recognizes employee contributions

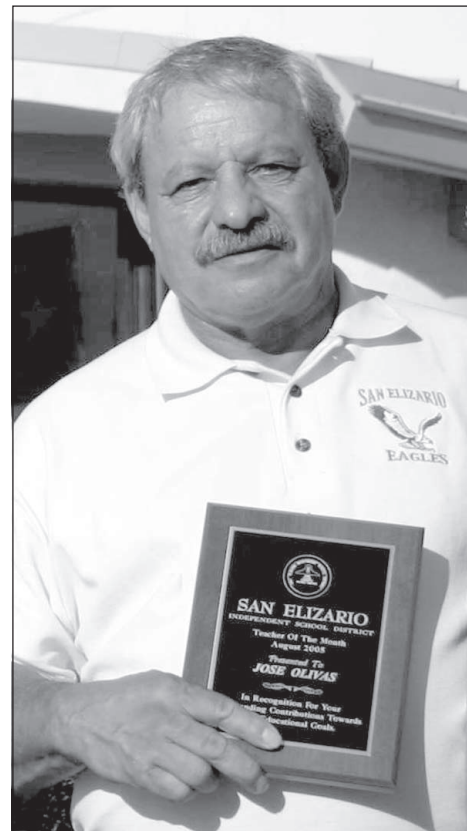
By Phillip Cortez  
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MISSION VALLEY — The San Elizario ISD named its August Teacher, Employee, Supervisor, and Partner In Education of the month on Sept. 14, 2005 during its monthly board of trustees meeting.

San Elizario High School teacher Jose Olivas was recognized for his outstanding efforts in helping to create a positive team atmosphere at the campus by helping his students create large banners with positive slogans on them, such as, "Only the BEST work here!" and "A New Attitude — Bring it On!"

Ivette Hinojos, an accounts payable clerk in the district's Child Nutrition Program, has had a tremendous impact in San Elizario by ensuring that the cafeterias have the food and items needed to meet the requirements for the National School Lunch Program, according to Raul Jacques, Child

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— Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD

JOB WELL DONE — August Teacher of the Month Jose Olivas.





# One perspective

By Francis Shrum

# Pig wrestling

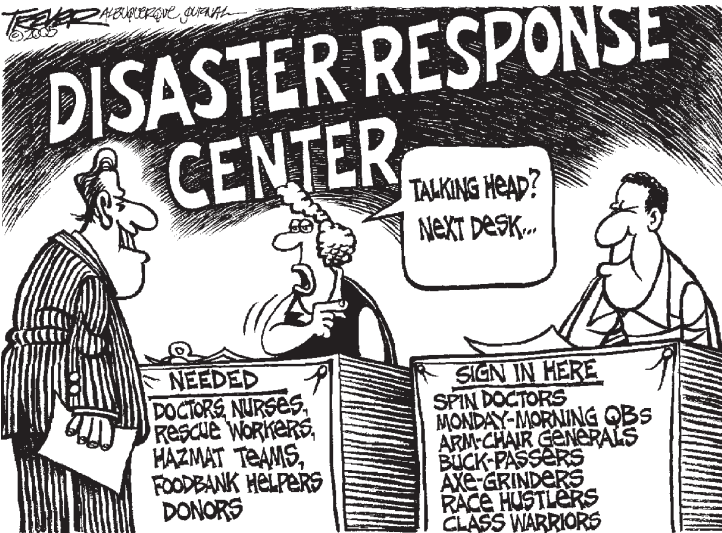
I heard the words “not as bad as expected” and “dodged a bullet” several times this week as everybody breathed a sigh of relief that hurricane Rita wasn’t as wrathful as her big sister, Katrina. Everybody, that is, except the news media. Still, it’s been a great year. More disasters than ever to report in gory detail. Everybody getting their chance to look rustic and survival-ish in their caps and slickers, sweaty open collars and rumpled hair. And they didn’t even have go overseas to do it. Of course, we all lap it up like puppies shoving over the milk bowl. We’re as bad as old ladies leaning over the fence in the back yard to hear our neighbor’s rendition of the latest gossip. People do love to talk. It has always amazed me that the requirements to be a news reporter are extremely low in comparison to the amount of power they have to do someone else actual harm. Having been there, done that, off and on, since about age 18, I have sometimes marveled at the opportunities — nay, even assignments — I’ve had to cover subjects about which I was woefully under-informed but somehow figured I could write about with some level of clarity that could be understood by the general public —

and all on a deadline. Talk about a recipe for disaster. The public has a right to know, but we’re kind of careless about who we send as the messengers. Requisites to being a news reporter these days include healthy doses of arrogance, self-importance and an overbearing demeanor. You must be of the mindset that everybody in public office is a lowdown scalawag and you are going to catch them at it. If you have pen and paper, a microphone or even an audience of two other people clueless enough to listen to you, you are thereby qualified to ask disrespectful, confrontational and ridiculous questions of anybody, from the dogcatcher right on up to the President of the United States. We endure this kind of misbehavior on a national scale with a kind of patient endurance that we mostly don’t even show our own kids. One of the cardinal rules of being a public figure is that you must never become confrontational with a member of the media. It looks bad. Or, more accurately, it’s like that sage advice to never wrestle with a pig. You both get filthy and the pig likes it. Many news anchors somehow believe that being on TV automatically qualifies them as some kind of philo-

sophical expert. I recently heard an evening commentator on CNN launch into a long soliloquy about how he feared that Americans were seeing so many dreadful images, so much human suffering, that we may simply stop caring. Duh. Too bad he wasn’t moved to expound on how we are systematically desensitizing a whole generation with the TV shows, movies and video games our kids wallow in regularly. But he did have a point. There was a different attitude demonstrated in the aftermath of Sept. 11 than in those sad and terrible hours after Katrina took a lash to New Orleans. When the towers fell, first responders rushed in, many already aware that it would cost them their lives to do so. In the wake of Katrina, men in public service left their posts and ditched their responsibilities to save their own skins. But it’s sometimes amusing when the mask slips just a little and we get a glimpse of the truth that news

people don’t hold themselves personally to the same incredibly high standard they set for everyone else. Shortly after the New Orleans Superdome was cleared of its reluctant guests, a commanding officer in the military unit that assisted in the evacuation took time out from his real work to brief the media. Did they consider it a courtesy on his part? Hardly. Instead they ripped into him with confrontational and rhetorical “questions,” the kind for which there is no adequate response. They demanded to know why it had taken so long for the military to arrive with buses to

move the evacuees. At first he tried to answer politely but after awhile he forgot that advice about pig wrestling. After a particularly nasal and vicious statement from some young man unseen by the TV cameras, he turned and said something to the effect that if the newsmen was on the scene and witnessed what he was claiming were life-threatening conditions, why didn’t he do something about it himself? After all, he had adequate transportation to get himself and his crew to and from the scene. Why, then, the commander asked, did he fail to assist those for whom he claimed to have such grave concern? How many people did you haul out, Mr. Reporter? There was a actually a brief silence. Then, in a reply that must have sounded hollow even to himself, the reporter said it wasn’t his job. Maybe both contestants do get dirty in pig wrestling, but the pig doesn’t always win.



# Write stuff

**Dear Editor:** In reference to the Oct. 1-31 amnesty period offered by the Justice of the Peace Court in Pct. 6, a lot of people have called and received information regarding their outstanding citations which have turned into warrants. Many people have taken advantage of this amnesty period and paid only their original tickets. I expect a lot of people next week, and we welcome the opportunity to help people pay their tickets, Please call or come by my office to settle any tickets that you might have. **Ruben Lujan**  
**Justice of the Peace**  
**Precinct No. 6**

**Dear Editor:** Last week, the Senate passed (91-4) the fiscal 2006 Commerce-Justice-Science appropriations bill, after spending a week using the legislation as a platform to argue about Congress’ response to Hurricane Katrina. The bill would appropriate a total of \$48.9 billion, including \$48.6 billion in discretionary spending. That is \$884 million more than fiscal 2005 and \$1.7 billion more than President Bush’s budget request, according to the Senate Appropriations Committee. The totals *do not* include \$4.3 billion added to the bill that was designated “emergency spending” related to Katrina. The federal budget has already become bloated by Pork Barrel


Projects within the Highway Funding bill and other appropriations Congress passed before Hurricane Katrina. But now, even after the revelation of the cost to rebuild the hurricane stricken region, the senate cannot control their spending. Americans everywhere have dipped into their budgets to give generously for recovery, but we have to cut spending from one part of the budget to give to the hurricane survivors. We must hold Congress accountable for their actions. They cannot continue spending at their current pace, or the next disaster we face will be financial. **Steve Harris**  
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# Reyes Reports

By U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes

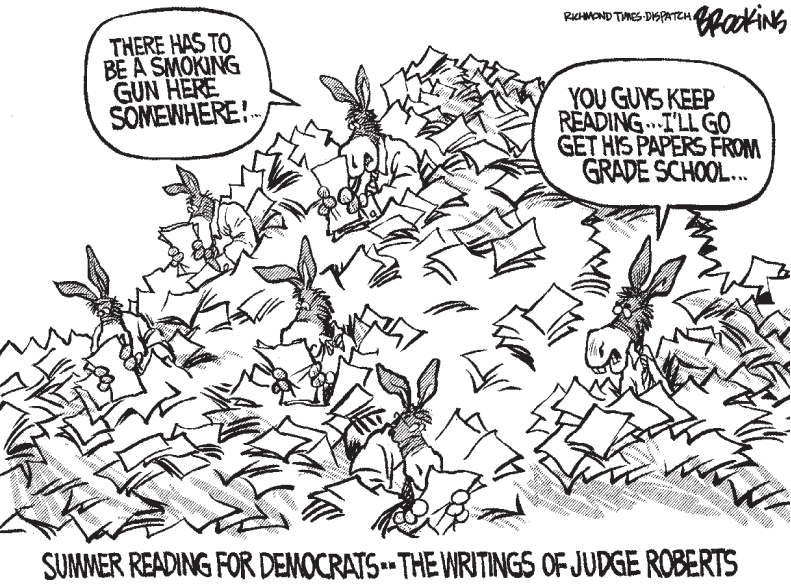
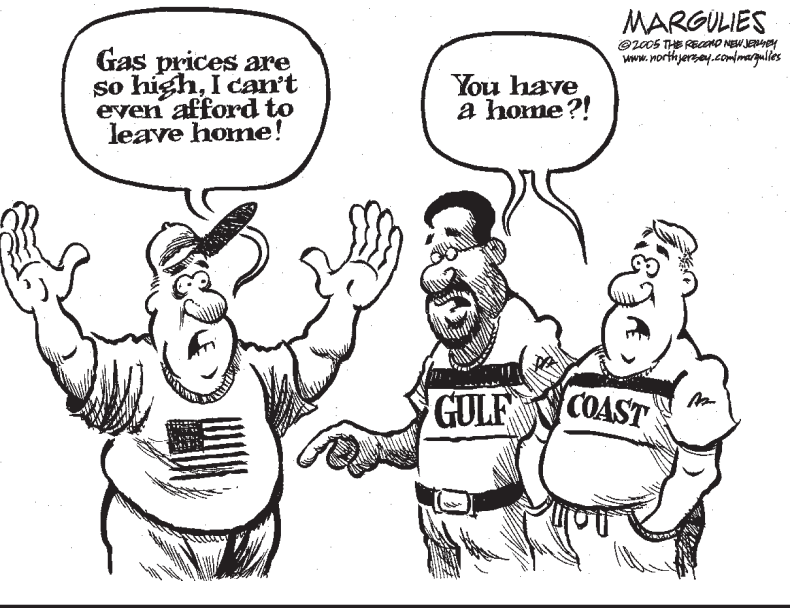
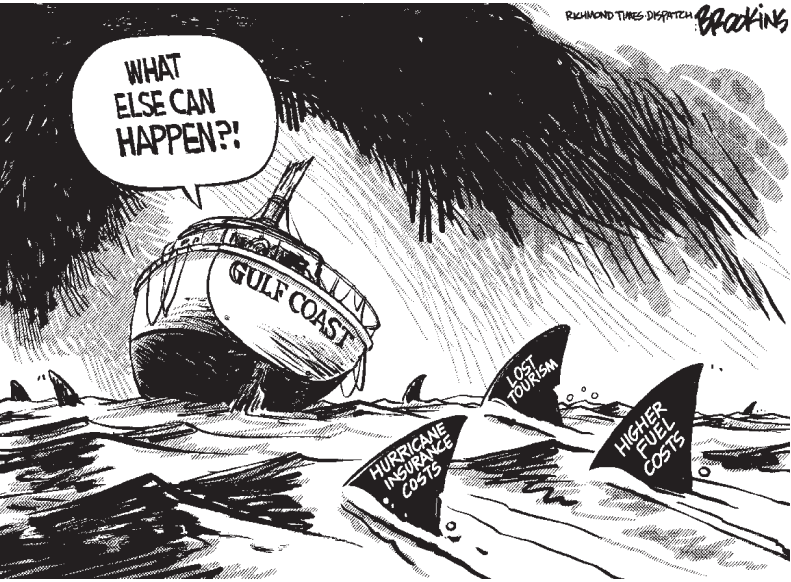
# Helping El Paso grow

Across El Paso, we are facing unprecedented growth. Whether it’s the expansion of Fort Bliss, school district bond projects, the new federal courthouse downtown, or El Paso’s strong housing market, our community is growing, and as a community, we need to be able to facilitate this growth. Due to this explosion, there is a tight labor pool of individuals trained in fields such as masonry, carpentry, or construction. A skilled workforce is key to the next few years, and it is important that we have enough trained people to complete these jobs. Vocational education is an important tool to help train the next generation. In Congress, we are continuing to work on the 2006 funding bill for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services and Education. This bill includes funding for the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act. The Bush Administration eliminated Perkins Act fund-

ing in their fiscal year 2006 budget request, but my colleagues and I in the House of Representatives successfully fought to re-instate \$1.3 billion for this important program and passed this bill. We will work with the Senate on compromise legislation after they pass their version of the bill. The Perkins Act funds, among other things, vocational-technical high schools and centers, community colleges, technical institutes and colleges in El Paso and across the country. School districts in the Region 19 Education Service Center, which serves El Paso and Hudspeth counties, received over \$2.5 million to date in federal Perkins funding for the 2005 academic year. Without these programs, students would lack access to the practical skills they need — and the community needs — to grow. The federal Job Corps program also provides important vocational education. This holistic career development program provides at-risk young people with the academic, vocational and social skills they need to become successful individuals. For

the past 21 years, the David L. Carrasco Job Corps Center here in El Paso has been ranked the number one Job Corps Center in the country, and has been educating students in important fields such as welding, plumbing and building. Across El Paso, we are relying on our community to help us grow. We are desperately in need of a larger, modern courthouse and after working together for quite some time, Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison and I secured funding for this project. We are also looking forward to welcoming approximately 50,000 to 60,000 new military personnel and their family members through military global restructuring and the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) process. To welcome these soldiers, we as a community need to ensure we’re prepared to provide trained individuals to fulfill jobs the building community needs to fill. I am working in Congress to provide quality vocational education, and will continue to do so as we continue to grow.





Eye on D.C.

By U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla

# Creating tomorrow's leaders today at service academies

One of the privileges of serving as a member of Congress is the opportunity to nominate outstanding high school students for appointment to the nation's five service academies. Over the past several years, I have had the honor to endorse an extraordinary group of young men and women as future leaders in our armed forces.

As students return to school this fall throughout our area, it is my hope that more young people will decide to pursue a career in our nation's prestigious military.

The service academies offer a fully-paid, world-class education for students willing to dedicate at least five years to the branch of their choice. The academies are the U.S. Air Force Academy (Colorado Springs, CO), the U.S. Military Academy (West Point, NY), the U.S. Naval Academy (Annapolis, MD), and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (Kings Point, NY). The U.S. Coast Guard Academy (New London, CT) does not require a nomination and offers appointments solely

on the basis of a nationwide merit-based competition.

Selection for placement in the academies is highly competitive as students from all over the country compete for a limited number of appointments. In addition to being in the top of their high school class academically, and in peak physical shape, students also must be nominated by either the President, the Vice-President, a Secretary of the Armed Forces, or a member of Congress.

Once a student submits an application, a local citizen advisory board (a local advisory board of academy graduates and retired military officers) reviews all nominations for the 23rd District. I then forward the advisory board's recommendations to the academies, which make the final decisions on which students receive appointments.

Those who succeed in the arduous application process then face a rigorous education that requires academic excellence, athletic performance, character development, and much more.

To be eligible, the applicant must reside in the 23rd District, be at least 17 years old, but cannot have reached his or her 23rd birthday. Additionally, he or she must be a citizen of the United States, be unmarried, not be pregnant, and have no legal obligation to support children or other dependents. The service academies welcome applications from all students regardless of race, color, ethnic origin, or creed.

When looking at potential students, the academies consider a number of qualifications, such as character, scholarship, leadership, physical aptitude, goals, and motivation. All of these factors are used to consider each applicant's "whole-person" evaluation. Many of our nation's most notable leaders have graduated from the academies, including Presidents Ulysses Grant and Dwight Eisenhower as well as General Norman Schwarzkopf.

There are many good reasons to



# Canutillo High School's cadets brush up on community service

By Kim Guzman  
Special to the Courier

UPPER VALLEY — Cadets from the Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corp (NJROTC) at Canutillo High School participated in the Project Bravo annual Paint-A-Thon held on Saturday, Sept. 10. The Paint-A-Thon is a community service project that selects a home of a senior citizen or disabled person and provides the paint and equipment needed to paint the home.

Ten CHS cadets along with six students from the Sergeant Majors Academy at Fort Bliss gave up their Saturday to paint the Gardea Family home on Bosque Road in Canutillo. Captain Charles Young, instructor of the CHS ROTC program, along with Master Sergeant (Msg.) Mary Loree, Msg. Rich Quattaucci, Msg. Adam Frye, Msg. Earl Brown, Msg. Mathey Acome and his son Matthew were on hand to assist in the painting project.



— Photo courtesy Canutillo ISD

**WITH A BROAD BRUSH — CHS Cadets participating in the Paint-A-Thon, shown from left are Crystal Grado, Sergio Garcia, Anali Martinez, Matthew Acome, Jessica Silva, Joe Rosas, Ray Duran, Manny Sifuentes, Josh Jordan, Nancy Perez, and Tommy Bosanko.**

"The cadets will receive ribbons for their community service and their efforts will make our community look better and improve the school-community relationship," said Captain Young. The ROTC program at CHS has been participating in the Paint-A-Thon for seven years.

"The most important factor necessary in getting a project of this type

accomplished is the participation of as many members of the community that we can get involved. The determination of these people to spend time in helping others is very necessary to insure a job well done," said Cadet Sergio Garcia, senior at Canutillo HS. He added, "I feel this project is a great way to get people involved in helping the community."

# Tornillo students eager to share experiences from special summer trip

By Raquel Rivera  
Special to the Courier

MISSION VALLEY — This past summer, students from Tornillo Junior High and Tornillo High School had the privilege of attending a summer math camp at Texas State University in San Marcos as part of the ESTIMA Project.

Linda Amaro, Queenie Fortaleza, Priscilla Orozco, Christina Cortez, Carlos Morado and Maria Rodriguez attended the ten day camp, which trains students to become peer tutors.

During the camp, the students worked on math concepts such as measurement, statistics, geometry, algebra, reasoning, and percentages. During morning sessions, students learned to solve problems and communicate their responses. In the af-

ternoon, they worked on team leadership and team building skills. They learned to communicate with others and work in group settings. The evening sessions varied. Sometimes, the students played softball or kickball. Other times, they watched a movie or worked on problem solving skills.

On weekends, different activities were scheduled to help the students build initiative and self-esteem. One Saturday, students were taken out to the country for a ropes course. They had the opportunity to climb a rock wall where the only way down was

to ride a cable. Other courses included climbing a telephone pole and walking on a balance beam lifted 50 feet up in the air, aided by harnesses and helmets, of course.

One Sunday, students, professors and sponsors enjoyed a picnic by the river, with swimming in crystal clear water and playing sand volleyball.

The students returned from the event with more self-esteem and eager to begin tutoring their fellow students. On Sept. 30, the ESTIMA sponsors from San Marcos will visit Tornillo to spend time with the students and monitor the peer tutoring program.



— Photo courtesy Tornillo ISD

**END OF MY ROPE — Students from Tornillo and San Antonio schools prepare to take on the ropes course as part of their ESTIMA training.**

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Nutrition Program coordinator.

While Hinojos was recognized for her efforts, Jacques was also. He was named the district's Supervisor of the Month for August. Jacques was instrumental in refining procedures and processes in the department that en-

sure quality and productivity, according to Robert Longoria, Asst. Superintendent of Support Services.

"His value on quality training has empowered cafeteria managers to be leaders on their campuses," Longoria said.

Finally, Sam's Club was recognized as the district's Partner In Education of the Month for their continued support of San Elizario schools.

seek admission to a service academy — a top-notch education, family tradition, a desire to serve or the need to take on an exceptional challenge are just a few. No doubt about it — students at our service academies are united by a desire to better themselves and serve our nation by becoming tomorrow's leaders.

You could be one of them.

Now is the time to apply for the class entering in the summer of 2006. Deadline for applications for this district is Oct. 31st. For more information about nominations to service academies, please contact my district office at 210-697-9055 or visit my website at [www.house.gov/bonilla](http://www.house.gov/bonilla).



# Notice of Public Meeting To Discuss San Elizario Independent School District's State Financial Accountability Rating

The San Elizario Independent School District will hold a public hearing at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, October 12, 2005 in the boardroom of the San Elizaio ISD Administration Building, 1050 Chicken Ranch Road, San Elizario, Texas.

The purpose of this hearing is to discuss San Elizario Independent School District's rating on the state's financial accountability system.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE J.P. Court #6 - Judge Ruben Lujan AMNESTY PROGRAM — THERE WILL BE NO ARRESTS

J.P. Court #6 in Clint, Texas will sponsor an amnesty program from Oct. 1, to Oct. 31, 2005, for citizens who have been cited and have not appeared in Court, for Traffic, Truancy Offenses, Juvenile Offenses, County Animal Control and Department of Public Safety violations. Also, if defendants have been placed on payment plans and have not complied with the payment terms, there is the possibility that a Capias Warrant of Arrest has already been issued and/or your driver's license has been suspended in the State of Texas, the State of New Mexico, or any other of the states that are in the Non-Resident Compact Agreement.

During the amnesty period, defendants that appear in Court and/or make arrangements with the Court, will not be arrested, charged with Failure to Appear, (a \$209.00 fine), and the \$50.00 dollar arrest fee will be deferred, (a \$259.00 saving). J.P. Court #6 Court in Clint, Texas encourages all defendants to take advantage of the amnesty program. **It is a good opportunity to resolve any pending matters with the State, to prevent being arrested and to save YOU money.**

**If you are stopped after the amnesty period and have active warrants you will be arrested.**

## Aviso Publico

### AMNISTIA — NO HABRA ARRESTOS

J.P. Court #6 in Clint, Texas pondra en efecto un programa de AMNISTIA de Octubre 1, 2005, a Octubre 31, 2005, para personas que hayan violado la ley por infracciones de trafico, falta al clase, infracciones juvenil, infracciones del Departamento de Seguridad Publica, violaciones de las ordenansas del Estado de Texas, y que no se hayan presentado al Juzgado para compadecer como lo exige la ley.

Las personas que se presenten al J.P. Court #6 in Clint, Texas durante el periodo de amnistia a pagar sus multas y/o a resolver cualquier problema pendiente en este Juzgado, no se les requerira pagar la multa por no haberse presentado durante el periodo especificado, (Failure to appear, una multa de \$209.00), y/o costos de arresto, (\$50.00). Se ahorraran cuando menos \$259.00.

**El juzgado / J.P. Court #6 anima a los infractores a tomar ventaja de este periodo de amnistia.** Es una magnifica oportunidad para resolver cualquier problema pendiente con El Estado de Texas, prevenir ser arrestado y ahorrar dinero.

**Al terminarse el periodo de amnistia, es posible ser arrestado por un infracción.**

**JUDGE RUBEN LUJAN • J.P. COURT #6  
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of both seizures was more than \$1 million. In another incident the previous week, CBP agents at the checkpoint on Texas Highway 62/180, east of El Paso, arrested an armed man later found to be wanted in connection with a homicide in California. About 11:30 p.m. on Saturday night, Sept. 17, four occupants of a car stopped at the checkpoint were questioned. It was discovered that one of them, 21-year-old Salvador Sandoval from Santa Paula, California, was armed with a loaded, .45 caliber semi-automatic pistol. He was arrested and taken to the Hudspeth County Jail, where it was determined through the use of the Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System that he was wanted in San Bernardino County for murder.

■ On Oct. 8, St. Luke's Episcopal Church at 7050 McNutt in La Union, N.M. will be hosting its 21st Annual Country Fair from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Country Fair is a yearly event produced by members of St. Luke's Church and is their primary means of raising funds for the Church's outreach projects within the community, particularly St. Vincent de Paul food bank. This year's fair will include arts and crafts, BBQ, kids' games, pie baking contest, bake sale, live music, silent auction, and a blacksmithing demonstration. For information: (505) 874-3972.

■ A Tornillo All School Reunion is planned for Nov. 26, 2005 at Sunland Park Racetrack & Casino. For more information, contact Brenda Huffman Lopez at (915) 764-3056, Sally Upchurch at (915) 204-2172 or Tissy Davis at (505) 628-1414.

■ Canutillo High School will hold parent/teacher conferences on Thursday, Sept. 29, 1-7 p.m. Teachers will be available in their classrooms for conferencing with parents. Students will be released at 11:30 a.m. on that day. Also, all campuses in the Canutillo ISD will have early release at 12:30 p.m., Friday, Sept. 30 for teachers and students.

■ The Fabens Cotton Valley Lions Club is hosting Weekend at the Maze on Oct. 1-2 at the Williams River Farm Corn Maze, located between San Elizario and Fabens, one mile off Socorro Road (South Loop) on Hole in the Wall Road. This Saturday and Sunday 50 cents per ticket will be donated to the Lions Club to help support their projects. Admission is \$7 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under, and children two and under are free. Discounted admission is available for groups of 20 or more with prior arrangement. For more information about the Corn Maze, visit [www.williamsriverfarm.com](http://www.williamsriverfarm.com), or call (915)764-3530.

■ The Alumni of Socorro High School is seeking nominations for the 2005 Socorro High School Outstanding Ex. The deadline to submit names is Wednesday, Oct.

12. Submissions must include a contact phone number of the nominee. "We're celebrating our 40th anniversary this year," says Socorro High School student activities director Carmen Alvarado. "So we want the Socorro High community to really become involved in celebrating this special homecoming." To nominate an outstanding ex, notify Carmen Alvarado at [clucer01@sisd.net](mailto:clucer01@sisd.net) or 937-2134.

■ The El Paso Public Library began hosting free citizenship classes from Project SHINE (Students Helping In the Naturalization of Elders) at five of its libraries starting Sept. 27, according to EPPL spokesman Jack Galindo. The 16-week course is intended to help older immigrants gain citizenship by providing tutoring in English as well as course work in U.S. History and civics. The evening classes, most beginning at 5 p.m., are taught by students from UTEP and El Paso Community College in English and Spanish. Project SHINE is a collaboration between the Diocesan Migrant and Refugee Services, UTEP and EPCC. For times, locations and more information call 532-3975.

■ Americas High School will host an Italian dinner fund-raiser on Monday, Oct. 17 from 4-7 p.m. in the cafeteria. Proceeds will go to the Spanish National Honor Society's scholarship fund. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at Americas High School, 12101 Pellicano Dr. The dinner will be catered by Johnny Carinos and the meal will include lasagna, chicken diavalo, spaghetti with marinara sauce, salad, homemade Italian cake and iced tea. "That same night is parent night," says Spanish NHS sponsor Armando Gallegos. "So parents can have a nice dinner when they come to the school."

■ Juan Bolanos, a student at Capt. Walter E. Clarke Middle School, and David Urquidi, a student at Socorro Middle School, have been accepted into the "People to People" world leadership forum. Bolanos will join a select group of students in Washington D.C., April 10-16, 2006 to earn high school credit while studying leadership and exploring some of the nation's most prominent monuments and institutions. Urquidi will join another select group of students at an international summit in London, Brussels and Paris. Urquidi previously completed a "People to People" leadership program, earning him acceptance into the international summit.

■ Lujan-Chavez Elementary is seeking participants for their first Health Fair on Thursday, Oct. 27 from 3-7 p.m. at the Lujan-Chavez Gymnasium, 2200 Sun Country Dr. The school is seeking organizations in the nutrition, healthcare and public safety sectors. They are

also open to exhibitions in other areas. "We want to get health information to our families," says Lujan-Chavez nurse Jay Munoz. "We're hoping to have different kinds of blood screenings also." If interested in participating, contact Jay Munoz at 937-8707.

■ Persons to serve on the Board of the El Paso Public Library for 2006 are being sought. Currently, the board has vacancies for representatives from Districts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8. Anyone interested in volunteering to serve on the Board may send a current resume and letter of interest to the El Paso Public Library Association at 501 N. Oregon, El Paso, TX 79901 or fax to (915) 541-4945. For additional information call 541-4941.

■ Socorro ISD Community Learning Center is offering a hands-on introduction class, *Introduction to Microsoft Excel*, beginning Oct. 10. Classes will be held at the Community Learning Center at 313 S. Rio Vista from 1 to 2:45 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Registration is Oct. 10 at 313 S. Rio Vista or by calling 937-1704 or 937-1700. Classes will follow the SISD District calendar.

■ Americas High School is preparing for the Annual NCA/NDA Americas Cheer and Dance Competition, scheduled for Feb. 17-18. Applications are now being accepted for the five-division competition to include elementary, middle school, high school, youth, studio, recreational and All-Star. Cost is \$20 per event. For more information contact Myesser Collins at 937-2832 or e-mail [mcolli@sisd.net](mailto:mcolli@sisd.net).

■ Fall intersession for all schools in the Socorro ISD began on Sept. 26 and will run through Oct. 7. Regular classes will not be held, however, intersession tutoring will be provided. Classes resume on Monday, Oct. 10. The Education Center at 12300 Eastlake Dr. will remain open during the intersession.

■ The public is invited to the 4th Annual Del Sol Women's Health Center Symposium, "girl's morning out" on Saturday, Oct. 22. It starts with a blood sugar screening, product display preview and a continental breakfast. Since October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the event includes two El Paso physicians as featured speakers. Irene Chiuchchini, M.D., an endocrinologist and breast cancer survivor, will present *Oh My Creaking Bones!* about arthritis and osteoporosis. Inez J. Sanchez, M.D., a medical oncologist with a military background, will present *The Latest News in Breast Cancer Treatment*. Other topics on the agenda are nutrition and diet, MammoPads, and Tai Chi. Educational materials and displays will include information on cancer, diabetes, wellness, weight loss surgery, heart disease, and the Green House Cancer Resource Center. The symposium runs from 7 a.m. to noon at the El Paso Hilton-Airport. The event is free, however, reservations are required as seat-

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Juan Bolanos



Briefs

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ing is limited. Call 915-629-3457 by Oct. 18 to register.

■ The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) has announced it is investigating reports that Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) claimants have been charged as much as 30 percent of their benefits as processing fees by unscrupulous business operators. Unemployment Insurance (UI) or DUA filing services are, and always have been, available at no cost to claimants. TWC is working with the Office of Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott to investigate such operations in an effort to halt or prevent price gouging against citizens in need of goods and services in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. “Disaster Unemployment Assistance is an essential component in the plan for hurricane victims to recover from the upheaval they have experienced,” said TWC Chair Diane Rath. “Unemployment benefits claim filing, job search assistance, and all the services TWC provides are always at no cost. Our investigators are working to insure that unscrupulous businesses don’t take advantage of people affected by this disaster.” Louisiana workers displaced by Hurricane Katrina can file for DUA directly with TWC at 1-800-818-7811.

■ Earlier this month, El Paso Convention & Visitors Bureau (EPCVB) sales manager Jason Guthrie and Mario Beltran from the Camino Real Hotel traveled to

Washington D.C. to conduct a sales initiative that focused on attracting national Hispanic organization and associations to El Paso as a convention/conference destination. Guthrie supported his sales initiatives by meeting with Congressman Silvestre Reyes and several other appointment-based sales calls. The EPCVB mission is to promote the El Paso region nationally as a convention, tourism, leisure and business destination for the economic benefit of the area. Additionally, on Sept. 12, EPCVB was one of four state CVB’s to receive the 2005 Circle of Stars Award in recognition of their generous support as an advertiser to the Texas Society of Association Executives (TSAE) and was recognized at TSAE’s award luncheon during their 2005 Annual Meeting & Educational Conference. EPCVB’s Director of Sales and Marketing, Terrie Todd, and Sales Manager, Diane Baribeault, were at the conference and award luncheon to accept the award.

■ The federal government has awarded UTEP the following two grants, Rep. Silvestre Reyes has announced:

- The Department of Health and Human Services has awarded \$1,025,385 for the UTEP-UNM Health Sciences Center Advanced Research Cooperation in Environmental Health (ARCH) Program on Border Asthma.
- The Department of Education has awarded \$199,998 for Project ParaProfessional (PARA), a program to help address the shortage and enhance the quality of special education personnel in West Texas.

■ The El Paso Symphony Orchestra’s painted violins are now

on display at the El Paso International Airport and Cielo Vista Mall through Oct. 14. These violins were transformed into unique works of arts by the area’s top artists. On Oct. 15, the violins will be auctioned off at the EPSO 75th Anniversary Gala Celebration. Proceeds from this auction will benefit the EPSO Outreach and Education Programs which offer over 40,000 area students the experience of live symphony music through its outreach and educational programs such as:

- The El Paso Electric Young People’s Concerts presented annually for the past 65 years to 5th grade area students.
- Brass-in-Class and Strings-in-Schools include ensembles performing on-site concerts weekly at elementary and middle schools throughout the El Paso area.
- Kids for Classics and Angel Tickets provide students with free tickets and backstage tours to each of the classical subscription concerts. These programs are funded by private and corporate donations and fundraising events such as *The Art of Music*. “We sincerely appreciate and thank all contributors and volunteers, especially the El Paso Symphony Guild whose generous support make these possible,” an EPSO spokesman said.

■ The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has awarded the City of El Paso \$14,147,179 to improve economic development and housing opportunities in El Paso, according to Rep. Silvestre Reyes:

- \$9,699,359 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Initiative funds. The CDBG program provides annual grants to provide decent

housing, a suitable living environment, and economic opportunities for low- and moderate-income families.

- \$3,973,096 in HOME funds. The HOME program aims to expand the supply of affordable housing to low- and very-low income families by providing grants to fund housing programs that meet local needs and priorities.
- \$374,384 in Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) funds.
- \$100,341 in American Dream Downpayment Initiative (ADDI) funds. The ADDI initiative promotes homeownership by providing necessary resources for downpayment and closing cost as-

sistance to low-income and minority households.

Other additional awards include:

- The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has awarded \$400,000 to the County of El Paso for the 65th Family District Court to provide alcohol and drug treatment, and services to support treatment.
- The Office of National Drug Control Policy has awarded \$100,000 to the U.S.-Mexico Border Health Association through the Drug-Free Communities Support Program to prevent and reduce drug, alcohol, and tobacco use among youth.

Notice of Public Meeting To Discuss Canutillo Independent School District’s State Financial Accountability Rating

The Canutillo Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6 p.m., Thursday, October 6, 2005 in the boardroom of the Canutillo ISD Administration Facility, 7965 Artcraft Road, El Paso, Texas.

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

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Public Notice TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

The *West Texas County Courier* will publish two editions early. The October 20 and 23, 2005 issues will go to press on Tuesday, October 27, 2005.

All material for these publications must be submitted to the *West Texas County Courier* no later than Tuesday, October 11, 2005.

The *West Texas County Courier* office will close beginning Thursday, October 13, 2005. The office will open again on Monday, October 31, 2005.

Town of Horizon City PUBLIC NOTICE

During the Special Council Meeting on Friday, September 23, 2005 the Town of Horizon City Council approved the following ordinance(s):

- 1) Ordinance No. 0147 — Adopting a tax rate and authorizing the assessment and collection of property taxes within the Town of Horizon City, Texas and further, authorizing the El Paso City Tax Office to perform the actual assessment and collection of said property taxes for fiscal year of October 1, 2005 to September 30, 2006 for the Town of Horizon City.

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

WTCC: 09/29/05

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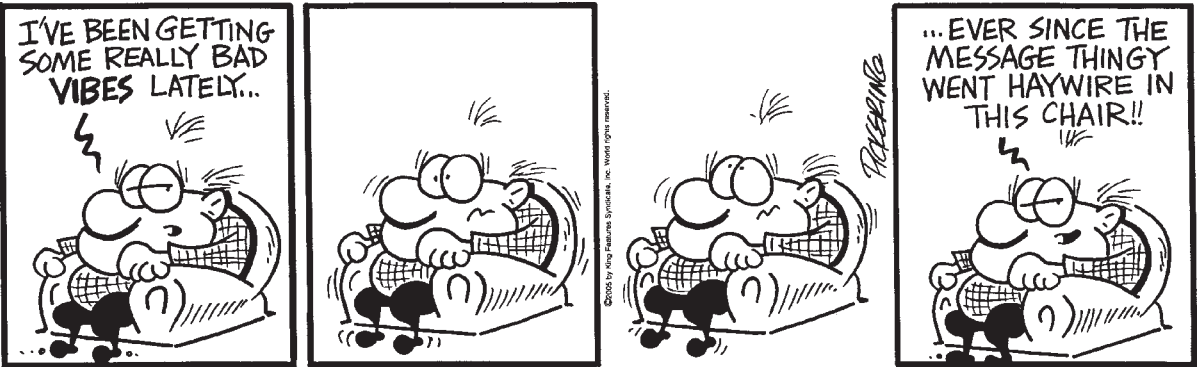
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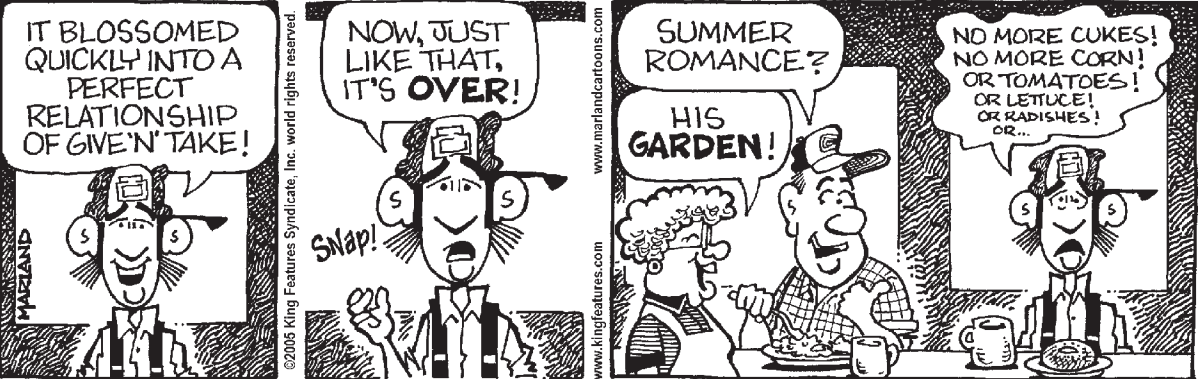
THE SPATS

By Jeff Pickering



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By Mike Marland



Baby boomers shun campgrounds

By Don Flood

No longer can we be said to be a nation of happy campers. We are becoming instead a nation of happy *non*-campers. As with most problems cropping up in this country, this one is being laid at the feet of baby boomers.

(Unfortunately, these are the same feet that are always showing up in those disgusting foot fungus advertisements.)

According to a recent story, the number of campers at national parks has declined dramatically, at least partly because many baby boomers have made a startling discovery: motels.

These businesses, for a reasonable fee, offer beds, TV, indoor plumbing and ice machines. I've tried them myself, and, frankly, tents suffer by comparison. You really begin wondering what that whole camping-out thing was about.

When baby boomers were younger they used to love to camp out, sleeping in tents or wherever they fell over after consuming refreshing adult beverages.

This brought many into close contact with nature, especially the ones who fell over.

Now many of these same baby boomers have come to their senses. They appreciate the value of moderation in all things, particularly nature.

But young people aren't getting interested in camping either.

This becomes understandable as one considers the typical teen's day: six hours of school, one hour of homework, eight hours of sleep and 35 hours of video games and instant messaging.

Something has to give, with the most obvious, of course, being sleep.

Teens hope to catch up on their sleep during vacation, but that's

hard during extended car trips. Our forefathers may have done some things right, but one boneheaded move was to locate national parks in remote wilderness regions.

This means a long drive with the parents, always a deadly affair, followed by — what?

Too often, the answer is trees, few of which are wired for Internet access.

One park official said that people nowadays are asking, "Do you have wireless in your campground?"

So obviously we have a problem here. On the one hand, we have nature consumers who are making known their new camping needs, such as high-speed Internet access.

On the other, we have park officials who remain committed to offering the same-old same-old, not realizing there is a new camping paradigm that doesn't include trees and wildlife.

Another rarely mentioned problem with camping is the threat of air pollution.

It was recently announced that the biggest single source of a smog-producing agent in California's San Joaquin Valley is: cows — which pass 19.3 pounds of gas a year.

(The idea that cows are producing more pollution than cars is so far-fetched and ridiculous — I mean, really, did the makers of Beano pay for this study? — that I have decided, as a public service to readers, not to check it out.)

And if farm animals produce that much air pollution, just imagine what non-regulated wild animals are up to.

So if you insist on camping, bring along some oxygen tanks. That way at least you'll have something to breathe out there.

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- 1 Polish cake
- 6 Melodious
- McEntire
- 10 Tower material?
- 15 Yak
- 18 Caustic
- 19 Mideastern airline
- 20 '28 Irving Berlin
- song
- 21 Antitoxins
- 22 Dashiell Hammett
- book
- 25 Evangelist
- Roberts
- 26 Wield an axe
- 27 Hood or Tell
- 28 Have a hot dog
- 29 Woods dweller?
- 30 Explorer
- Sebastian
- 32 Choose, with "for"
- 34 Actor Howard
- 36 "Mr. Television"
- 38 Loaded
- 40 Siouan people
- 42 Hill or Haggerty
- 43 Harper Lee book
- 48 Utah city
- 49 Dole (out)
- 50 Algerian seaport
- 51 "My word!"
- 55 Won over
- 58 Singer John
- 61 Work like a horse
- 62 Slip cover?
- 63 Mauna \_
- 64 Soap ingredient
- 65 Actor's lunch?
- 68 Mark Bowden
- book
- 73 "Ask \_ Girl" ('59 film)
- 74 Main drag
- 76 Mare's morsel
- 77 Textbook headings
- 79 Senator Fong
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- stapled
- 87 Maintain
- 88 Splinter group
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- Valkyries
- 92 Agatha Christie
- book
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- 101 Rational
- 102 Geometry
- calculation
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- 104 Indifference
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- 107 Religious belief
- 109 Big vein
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- 112 Adds a lane
- 115 Bell and Barker
- 118 Composer
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- or dunk

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- 127 Internet acronym
- 128 Put on a pedestal
- 129 Actor Calhoun
- 130 Burger topping
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- 2 Pain
- 3 Make coffee
- 4 With 46 Down,
- "Vertigo" star
- 5 Oklahoma city
- 6 So out it's in
- 7 Vote in
- 8 Hit hard
- 9 Opposite of
- aweather
- 10 "Baby \_ Want You"
- ('71 hit)
- 11 Jeeves' profession
- 12 Namu or Willy
- 13 Crowdburst?
- 14 Itch
- 15 McRaney or Ford
- 16 Lawrence's locale
- 17 Scrimshaw
- material
- 21 Weeps
- 23 Warhol subject
- 24 Dress
- 30 European
- peninsula
- 31 Half and half?
- 33 Sweater letter
- 34 Meat cut

- 35 Always, to Arnold
- 36 \_ yesterday
- (naive)
- 37 Got by, with "out"
- 38 "Baloney!"
- 39 Like some donuts
- 40 Brute
- 41 Stowe sight
- 43 Sock part
- 44 Basic organism
- 45 Battlefield doc
- 46 See 4 Down
- 47 Farmer's place
- 52 Festive
- 53 Connecticut town
- 54 Moist
- 56 Photo book
- 57 Annoy
- 59 Bring bliss
- 60 At once
- 61 Present company?
- 64 Ridicule
- 65 "Very funny!"
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- 75 DEA officer
- 78 Knee-slapper
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- 81 Zenith
- 82 Pay to play
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- 86 \_ Plaines, IL

- 88 Corset part
- 90 "The truth at last!"
- 93 Hibachi residue
- 94 Rob Roy's refusal
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- Ryan" extras
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# Apple

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different stages of seed development, a perfectly ripe science activity.

Social Studies is also apparent, as students have been able to learn about the time period and area of the country in which Johnny Appleseed lived. When the rich and fertile lands lying south of the Great Lakes and west of the Ohio river were opened for settlement in the early 1800's, John Chapman was among the very first to explore

the new territory. This was the Northwest Territory from which the states of Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, and Illinois were later formed.

It wasn't just typical school subjects that were infused into the Johnny Appleseed topic. Parent volunteers got into the act to help the school's Character Education efforts by creating a large apple tree that stands in the gymnasium. Hanging from every limb of the tree are construction paper apples, each recognizing a student and the positive character trait he or she has portrayed this school year. An apple that recognizes student Cesar

Ramirez for showing respect hangs near one that names Mariana Flores for being a good citizen.

And what's a fun, school-wide activity without a costume contest? One participant, Bianca Moreno is a big Johnny Appleseed fan.

"What made him a nice guy is that he helped people and animals," she said.

**OUT ON A LIMB — Lionel Martinez, as Johnny Appleseed, is flanked by fellow costume contest participants Rebecca Vasquez, left, and Rebecca Prieto**

— Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD



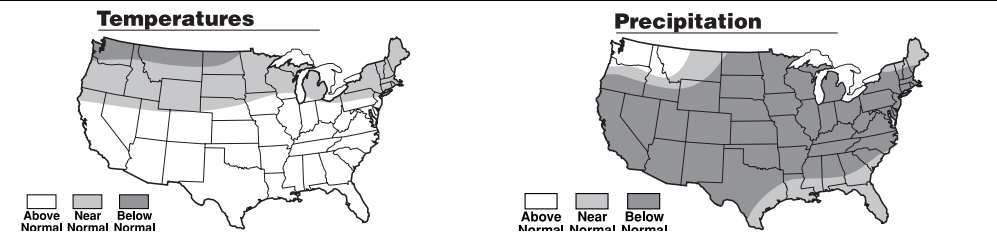
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Sun	Rise	Set	Moon	Rise	Set	New	First
Thu.	6:58 a.m.	6:53 p.m.	Thu.	3:26 a.m.	5:17 p.m.		
Fri.	6:59 a.m.	6:52 p.m.	Fri.	4:22 a.m.	5:44 p.m.	10/3	10/10
Sat.	6:59 a.m.	6:51 p.m.	Sat.	5:18 a.m.	6:09 p.m.	Full	Last
Sun.	7:00 a.m.	6:49 p.m.	Sun.	6:14 a.m.	6:35 p.m.		
Mon.	7:01 a.m.	6:48 p.m.	Mon.	7:11 a.m.	7:00 p.m.	10/17	10/24
Tues.	7:01 a.m.	6:47 p.m.	Tues.	8:09 a.m.	7:28 p.m.		
Wed.	7:02 a.m.	6:45 p.m.	Wed.	9:10 a.m.	8:00 p.m.		

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REGIONAL CITIES

City	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W
Abilene, TX	77	64	pc	85	70	pc	87	63	pc	87	63	s
Albuquerque, NM	70	55	t	78	53	pc	81	55	s	79	54	s
Amarillo, TX	72	54	pc	78	53	t	83	55	pc	83	56	s
Austin, TX	85	66	t	89	68	pc	90	66	pc	88	65	t
Brownsville, TX	96	74	pc	92	73	t	90	73	s	90	71	pc
Dodge City, KS	72	50	s	79	53	t	84	52	pc	84	54	s
Jackson, MS	77	61	t	83	64	s	86	65	s	85	64	t
Laredo, TX	97	74	pc	95	74	t	98	71	s	98	71	pc
Little Rock, AR	74	52	s	78	60	s	82	62	pc	84	62	t
Lubbock, TX	78	58	pc	82	58	t	82	56	s	86	58	s
Memphis, TN	70	58	s	79	64	s	82	65	s	81	64	t
Midland, TX	79	64	pc	88	63	pc	87	62	s	90	63	s
Pueblo, CO	74	50	sh	78	42	sh	84	44	s	83	42	s
Roswell, NM	80	56	pc	88	55	s	86	55	s	88	54	s
St. Louis, MO	69	49	s	76	57	s	76	61	pc	77	60	s
San Antonio, TX	88	70	t	88	70	pc	90	72	pc	90	68	pc
Texarkana, AR	76	58	s	80	63	s	83	65	t	83	66	t
Waco, TX	84	65	t	86	69	s	88	68	pc	86	68	t
Wichita, KS	73	52	s	78	56	t	77	58	t	82	60	pc

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

City	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W
Atlanta	80	60	t	76	59	s	79	63	pc	79	63	pc
Boston	70	44	r	64	48	s	72	54	s	73	58	s
Chicago	62	44	pc	68	50	s	74	54	s	76	56	s
Denver	77	44	pc	74	46	sh	77	48	s	76	44	s
Detroit	60	42	pc	66	48	s	72	52	s	72	52	s
Houston	88	66	t	84	66	pc	88	68	pc	88	68	t
Indianapolis	65	44	pc	70	53	s	75	57	s	78	57	pc
Kansas City	76	48	s	74	52	s	78	54	pc	80	57	s
Los Angeles	88	64	s	84	64	s	82	62	s	80	63	pc
Miami	88	76	t	86	76	t	86	78	t	88	78	t
Minneapolis	62	46	s	74	52	s	74	54	pc	71	50	pc
New Orleans	88	70	t	86	73	t	86	72	t	86	72	t
New York City	74	54	r	66	52	s	71	56	s	73	62	s
Omaha	70	46	s	76	52	s	80	54	pc	79	53	s
Phoenix	102	76	pc	102	74	pc	101	75	s	100	75	s
San Francisco	84	56	s	80	56	pc	73	56	pc	74	56	pc
Seattle	64	52	r	62	48	sh	62	48	sh	64	52	r
Washington	76	50	t	70	52	s	78	58	s	78	60	s

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