



## NEWSBRIEFS

### Yellow Brick Road

Americas High School will present the wonderful musical "The Wizard of Oz" on Nov. 17-18 at 6:30 p.m. and Nov. 19-20 at 2:30 p.m. The Americas High School Theatre is located at 12101 Pellicano Dr. Special day performances will be given on Nov. 17-18 at 9 a.m. Prices are \$3 for students and \$5 adults. The play is open to all elementary schools in the district. The show is approximately one hour and 20 minutes long and is appropriate for students in 2nd through 5th grade. Group rates are \$2 per student and no charge for teachers accompanying their students. Buses should arrive at least 15 minutes before the show starts. School groups may pay with a school check or cash. Teachers may contact Mario Maldonado at 937-3077 or mmaldo05@sisd.net.

### In other news

■ The USDA Farm Services Agency makes loans to individual rural youths to establish and operate income-producing projects of modest size in connection with their participation in 4-H clubs, Future Farmers of America and similar organizations. Each project must be part of an organized and supervised program of work with the help of the organization adviser and produce sufficient income to repay the loan. To qualify, a youth must be between 10 and 20 years old, live in a town of less than 10,000, and be unable to obtain a loan from other sources. Maximum amount of the loan is \$5,000. For further information and application, contact William H. McAnally, farm loan manager, at (432) 336-5206, ext. 2.

■ Eleven students at Americas High School have earned the designation of AP Scholar by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement Program® (AP®) Exams. The College Board's Advanced Placement Program offers students the opportunity to take challenging college-level courses while still in high school, and to receive college credit, advanced placement, or both for successful performance on the AP Exams. Only about 18 percent of the more than one million high school students worldwide who took AP Exams performed at a sufficiently high level to merit the recognition of AP Scholar. Students took AP Exams in May 2005 after completing challenging college-level courses at their high schools. At Americas High, senior Daniel Piedra earned the AP Scholar with Distinction Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.5 (on a 5-point scale) on all AP Exams taken, and grades of three or higher on five or more of the exams. Ten students qualified for the APScholar Award by completing three or more AP Examinations with grades of three or higher. The AP Scholars are juniors Carlos Almanza, and Emily Perkins and seniors Natalie Baker, Isaac Balderas, Daniel Gabaldon, Alonso Guzman, Luis Guzman, Isaac Hernandez, Joe Lomeli and Alonzo Thomas.

*How-to-get-rich books are now filed under FICTION.*

— Quips & Quotes

## State Board of Education honors SISD volunteer as 'Hero for Children'

By Carlos A. Briano  
Special to the Courier

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — Susan Hill decided to volunteer for the first time when her daughter started kindergarten at O'Shea Keleher Elementary.

"My neighbor asked me to be in the PTA board," she says. "She asked me to come and help. Well, when you come and help, they put you to work. It turned into a full-time position, really."

Her daughter Melissa is no longer in kindergarten. In fact, she's now a senior at the University of Texas at Austin. But — Susan Hill never stopped volunteering, moving from O'Shea Keleher Elementary to William D. Slider Middle School to Montwood High School.

Little did she know that her 16 years of volunteer work for the children of Socorro ISD would win her a statewide award. The State Board of Education recently named her a "Hero for Children." She will receive this prestigious honor at a Nov. 18 meeting of the State Board of Education in Austin.

Hill will receive a certificate of honor, a copy of the resolution scheduled for Board approval and photographs commemorating the ceremony. She will also have her name engraved on a plaque that is permanently displayed in the Travis Building, which is the home of the Texas Education Agency. Hill will be among 14 other volunteers throughout the state who will be recognized; she is the honoree for El Paso.

"It makes me very proud that I was selected," she says. "But I didn't go into volunteering to get an award. I volunteer because I love to do it."

Although Hill began volunteering for her daughter, she continues today long after Melissa graduated from Montwood High School. "You become a volunteer because you want to be a part of your child," she says. "It's learning about what there is in your child's school and being a part of that. But what keeps you as a volunteer is caring about all students, enjoying helping them and having fun."

Besides volunteering in schools, Hill has also served in the Parent Involvement Advisory Committee at the local, regional and state level. She is a Texas Partner In Education Conference Planning Committee Member and currently serves as the Area 19 PTA Board of Directors Volunteer Services Chairman and is the SISD Community representative to the El Paso Police Department Youth Initiative Program and the Rio Grande Safe Communities Underage Drinking, to name just a few.

"Her commitment to children and their education has been her focus throughout the

years," says Rachel Tarango, SISD volunteer specialist. "She's been invaluable to SISD."

Throughout the years working at SISD, Hill has developed many relationships. One of those special relationships is with Laura Price, student activities director at Montwood High School.

"I remember meeting Susan Hill seven years ago during her daughter Melissa's freshman



— Photo courtesy Socorro ISD

**SHE'S SOMEBODY'S HERO — Longtime SISD volunteer Susan Hill hugs Montwood student activities director — and friend — Laura Price. Hill has been named a "Hero for Children" by the Texas State Board of Education, and will be honored Nov. 18 in Austin.**

year," Price says. "She seemed like a very caring parent who was always there for her daughter and son. You don't see that very often now, parents who have the time."

In addition to becoming Price's campus volunteer coordinator, Hill became her best friend.

"We hung out a lot together," Price says. "And when Melissa graduated, we still kept in touch. She's part of my heart and my family. I'd do anything I could for her and her family."

Hill admits she has spent as much time with the people of Socorro ISD as she has with her own family. And to Melissa, the person who first brought Susan Hill into the district, that was just fine.

"I'm very proud of her," Melissa says. "My family and all her friends have always known she's worked very hard for SISD. She genuinely cares about what happens in the schools."

And after she becomes a "Hero for Children," Hill will return to SISD and continue to do what she does best.

"I like being a part of Socorro, knowing what is going on and helping students and helping parents," she says. "You don't get paid in money, but you get paid with smiles and expressions of gratitude."

## Senior citizens can cut down on airport screening anxiety

By Kay Ledbetter  
Special to the Courier

AMARILLO — Although millions of people pass through metal detectors at the nation's airports every day, many of those being screened seem to be senior citizens, a Texas Cooperative Extension expert said.

"I notice a disproportionate number of older adults being selected for additional screening by security personnel," said Andrew Crocker, Extension gerontology specialist, basing his comments on his own travels in Texas and around the country.

"While some of this is unavoidable — such as screening those with artificial hips or knees — some of it may be prevented with a little planning ahead," he said.

Fear and confusion surround the "dos and don'ts" of air travel, but Crocker said following some Transportation Security Administration suggestions should alleviate some anxiety among senior air travelers.

Transportation officials say making some preparations before leaving home will help ease the security screening procedure.

- Select clothing that does not have metal items, including under-wire bras, belts and belt buckles, which may set off the metal detector. And avoid jewelry made of metal.

- Footwear containing metal arch supports may cause problems. Transportation officials do not require shoes to be removed, but additional screening could be required for those who don't remove their shoes.

- Do not carry cigarette lighters. Lighters are no longer allowed in airports and will be confiscated and not returned. Carry matches in carry-on or checked baggage if needed.

- Do not wrap packages. Screeners may unwrap them for security reasons. Also, do not lock baggage. Security personnel may cut locks off to gain access. Airport security-approved locks can be ordered at <http://www.travelsentry.org> or <http://safeskielocks.com>.

- Label all baggage, even carry-ons, with contact information. Each person is limited to one carry-on bag and one personal item, such as a purse or briefcase. Put keys, cell phones, excess jewelry and other metal or metal containing items in the carry-on bag.

Some metal items, such as artificial hips, knees or pacemakers, cannot be removed to go through security, Crocker said.

"Your health professional should provide you with a card stating that you have a medical device which may cause the medical detector to alarm," he said. "Also, he or she may recommend that you not walk through the metal detector (for example, metal detectors may interfere with your pacemaker settings)."

In these cases, airport security personnel will conduct a one-on-one screening with a handheld metal detector or they may conduct a pat-down search, he said.

Transportation officials say other medical conditions and equipment of concern include:

- Supplemental oxygen canisters. These





# One perspective

By Francis Shrum

## Varmints in the house

We've all had them from time to time, whether we know it or not.

A very helpful child recently shared her knowledge of arachnid life forms with the revelation that at any given moment we are never more than eight feet away from a spider of some variety or other.

More information than I needed.

Of course, spiders are the least of our worries. They are relatively small, and a good squirt with some bug poison will generally disable them until they can be safely removed.

It's a common misconception that our homes are our castles, a refuge from the dangerous jungle out there, where we can close the door and those other creatures that make us uncomfortable have to stay out.

Not so.

Varmints like to get in the house, and they can do so through amazingly small openings that you would bet they were much to big to fit.

I've lived in many houses, mostly in rural and farming areas, where the mice felt they had as much right to my abode as I did, particularly during times of the year when nearby fields were being plowed, planted or harvested. And they can be plenty hard to convince otherwise.

This may also vary with the year, too. Some years are worse than others — I believe the outdoor creatures know more about what the coming months are going to hold weatherwise than the weatherman does.

During those years, the feed stores

can't lay in a big enough supply of rat poison to meet demand, and folks meet up and visit in the D-Con section as often as they do at the post office.

One young family I known recently moved into a nice house in a secluded rural spot that had been vacant for several months. Shortly, though, they discovered it wasn't vacant at all — there was a snake in residence. Little comfort that it wasn't of the poisonous variety. A snake in the house is a snake in the house.

After a period of some tension, the fellow managed to catch and remove the snake, much to the relief of the female and child who accompanied him in his residence. However, he soon spotted another one. Rather than alarm the family again, he set out to dispose of the matter by putting down sheets of tacky paper at night near where he figured it would show up again, expecting to check his "traps" in the morning before the family got up.

Unfortunately, the snake wasn't of a quiet, diminutive personality and took great exception to being attached to a big, inconvenient sheet of tacky paper and it began to thrash around noisily. The young woman heard the noise and discovered the varmint writhing around in the kitchen floor attempting to escape via a hole it was now too encumbered to force its way through.

You never know how these things will affect various family members. While the woman got over it after a

few days, the man began to lie awake nights wondering if maybe there was a nest of the creatures in the house and finally wound up cutting a hole in the wall to see if there were any living under the bath tub.

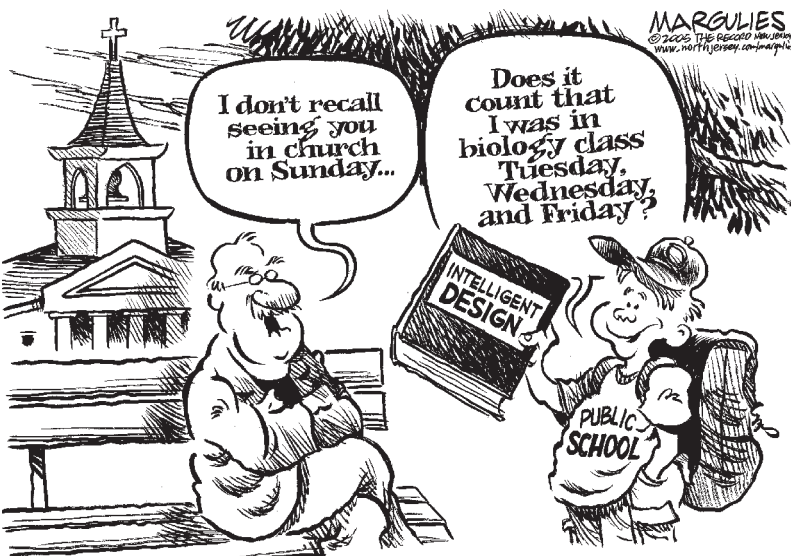
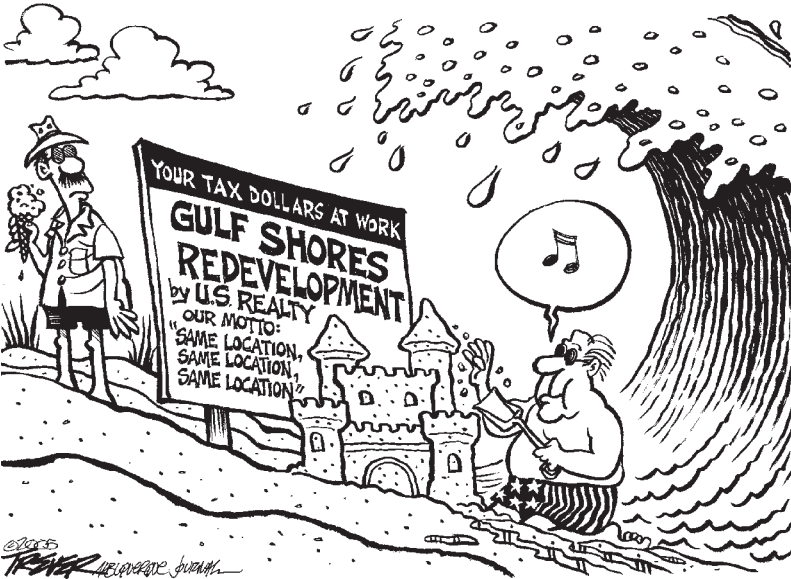
Not long after construction began on a subdivision in the desert near our house, I opened the front door to find a sizable snake cuddled in the corner of the front porch. Being raised in the country where the standard parting words are "watch out for snakes," I know how to kill one, but it's not my favorite sport.

So I called animal control. The officer showed up after awhile but the snake was no longer where we'd left it. After searching around for awhile we figured it had slithered on to parts unknown. As the officer sat in his truck filling out paperwork, the kids and I headed back into the house through the garage door which had been left partially ajar. There, big as life, curled under a desk, was the snake.

That's probably the only time I've ever been grateful for paperwork, because it had detained the officer. He came on in and caught the intruder. It's a good thing, too, because when I do kill a snake, there are usually other objects in the immediate vicinity that take a beating as well. No telling what I may have broken.

There are people who can handle situations like this with a minimum of muss and fuss. They can — without stomping or squirting — gently and calmly remove the spider which, I'm told, is a very beneficial creature. They can stroke the snake, making it feel like a welcome guest, as they escort it to another locale. In fact, there are even people who bring snakes into their houses on purpose, but that's a whole other story.

Personally, the varmints and I are both generally happier if our paths don't cross too closely, especially if it's in the house.



**True Texas** by Roger T. Moore Jalapeno Jelly was first concocted in Lake Jackson in the late seventies

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# Beware of work-at-home scams, AG warns

**By Greg Abbott  
Attorney General of Texas**

On Feb. 22, 2005, my office took legal action against the owners of three work-at-home schemes operating in Texas. The suits came in support of a national effort led by the

Federal Trade Commission to crack down on illegal business opportunity and work-at-home schemes. Operation Biz Opp Flop should serve as a warning to con artists we will not tolerate get-rich-quick rip-offs.

Chances are you have encountered

an outlandish work-at-home advertisement. These types of advertisements abound on the Internet, on television, and in newspapers. Unfortunately, these offers rarely deliver on their promises. Consumers lose thousands of dollars on work-at-home

scams every year.

Most ads fail to mention that you must work many hours without pay. In addition, you usually have to spend your own money for supplies such as newspaper ads, envelopes, paper and stamps. You may also be asked to pay for instructions and tutorial software.

One online company we sued claimed that by purchasing its software and services, consumers would be able to set up websites and sell various products or services at a large profit. The company charged a \$500 fee for the Web package, as well as support and mentoring.

After consumers paid the \$500 set-up fee, the defendants approached them with an offer of “expert technical assistance” costing an additional \$4,000. Consumers who complained to my office said they were led to believe the expert technical assistance was part of the \$500 start-up fee.

Another classic work-at-home scheme involves medical billing. The ads offer pre-packaged businesses, known as billing centers. You may also be told that many doctors are turning to electronic billing to save money. Promoters may say that you can make a substantial amount of money processing these claims for doctors. The promoter may even supply you with a list of “eager” clients. No experience is needed.

What you might *not* be told is that you have to market these services to the medical community. The promise of “eager” clients is usually a hollow one. The seller rarely has reliable contacts within the medical

community.

Another infamous work-at-home scam is envelope stuffing. This type of deceptive advertisement promises you information on how to make money stuffing envelopes at home. After you pay the promoter a “small fee,” you will receive a letter telling you to place the same envelope stuffing ad in newspapers and magazines and on the Internet. You’ll only make money if people respond to your ad. Some promoters are so brazen as to suggest soliciting family members.

Assembly work is also a very popular work-at-home scheme. In this case, you may be told that you can make thousands of dollars assembling items for a company that has promised to buy them from you. You must first buy certain types of equipment to produce the goods for the company. The equipment typically costs hundreds of dollars. However, after you perform the work, the business in question will usually refuse to pay you, citing lack of quality.

The ads may vary in how they get your attention, but they are consistent in their quest to relieve you of your money. I urge you to be very cautious when considering a work-at-home opportunity. As always, if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

To file a complaint with the Attorney General’s Office go to [www.oag.state.tx.us](http://www.oag.state.tx.us) or call 800-621-0508. To file a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission at [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov) or call 877-382-4357. The U.S. Postal Service investigates mail fraud. Contact your local postmaster for more information.

## View from here By Bill Peacock

### Texas takes lead in telecom competition but consumers everywhere will likely benefit

For the last eight months Texas has been the major battle ground in the telecom wars with the traditional phone companies and the cable industry going head-to-head over deregulation and access to millions of Texas consumers.

Industry watchers have kept their eyes on the Lone Star State. Since it is a major market and the home of SBC, whatever happened there was likely to have significant repercussions across the country.

What happened is the state legislature passed a bill deregulating significant portions of the telecom market and making Texas the only state allowing telephone companies to receive a statewide franchise in order to provide new video services that competes with cable.

The cable industry opposed the legislation, pointing out that over the last three decades its companies have gone city-by-city to secure franchises, an expensive and time-consuming process.

They have a valid point. Local governments used their monopoly status to extract whatever they wanted from the cable companies, who had no choice but to pay the cities’ asking price if they wanted to do business.

The solution to this problem, though, was not to subject new entrants to the same onerous regulations, but to create new laws which

facilitate entry and lower regulatory costs for all competitors. And that is exactly what happened in Texas.

Still, it is not surprising that the cable industry objected to the change. Over the last ten years, SBC had also been known to make similar arguments as it was being shepherded out of its monopoly status by competitive-minded legislators and regulators.

Those reforms of the last decade have greatly benefited consumers and the economy as telecom companies have been forced to innovate to survive in the newly competitive voice marketplace. The new Texas law has the potential of bringing similar benefits by opening up the video market.

SBC had already announced plans to invest \$4 billion dollars to build a fiber-optic network that will provide voice, video and high-speed internet to 18 million households in its 13 state territory. But now that the legislature has acted, SBC is prepared to be even more aggressive in building out its network in Texas.

Verizon has spent \$1 billion to reach a million homes with fiber in its multi-state service region, which includes Texas. But the rollout of new services had been slowed because it was taking Verizon six to 18 months to obtain a single local franchise.

The statewide franchise will accelerate Verizon’s ability to offer broad-

band and video to consumers. The company estimates it will now reach three million homes by the end of this year, and that the deployment effort will create 3,000 to 5,000 new jobs with the company.

And while the cable industry might not have liked the new legislation, it wasted no time in responding to it.

Time Warner Cable has announced new services allowing people to track their eBay bids via their cable TV and display Caller ID on the television screen. New technology will allow cable companies to increase their bandwidth and offer more channels to subscribers.

All this means that prices for video are likely to drop, just as they have in the past with voice and broadband. Additionally, the high tech economy will expand as the competition attracts new capital, spurs product innovation and creates new jobs.

While Texans may experience some of these benefits sooner than citizens of other states, the effects of the Texas reform will be felt nationwide. The timing and extent will depend on when Congress and other states follow Texas’ lead.

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## View from here By Byron Schlomach, Ph.D

### What are we educating for?

They always sound so reasonable, those who advocate taxing business and/or income for the sake of funding education. Their motives seem so pure. What they advocate does say a lot about their motives. Problem is, what it says is not good.

Education, we are constantly told, is the great equalizer. It is key to opening opportunity for all. Education is about preparing children for adulthood and responsibility. What we hear more often though is that education is about preparing students to compete in a global economy for the sake of future prosperity.

In other words, for its loudest advocates, government education is all about jobs, productivity, careers, and living the good life. But wait — what is that we are taxing? The very job, business and “good life” opportunities public education is supposed to produce!

A well-known economic principle is that you get less of what you tax. So, how can someone claim to be for jobs and business opportunities on the one hand, but reduce them on the other?

It’s not rocket science to see a contradiction here. As an example of just

how contradictory this is, consider Ohio and its basket-case economy. Thirty years ago that state ranked with Texas as one of the best states to live in for the sake of holding on to one’s hard-earned money. Then, Ohio instituted an income tax.

Today, Ohio college students, undoubtedly well-educated with lots of economic opportunity tax dollars, load up on buses for out-of-state job interview trips. Now taxed out of existence, the prosperity-producing economic opportunities are no longer in Ohio. Lots of countries have practiced the “taxation of prosperity for prosperity’s sake” model.

China, the former Soviet Union, and various east European countries are among the best examples. Present-day Germany, with its 12-plus percent unemployment rate, comes to mind as well.

The taxation-for-education crowd would have us believe they are all about opportunity, but they would tax the very opportunity they claim they want to create through education. They are not about opportunity at all. They are simply about control. They, like Plato, fancy themselves the all-knowing philosopher-kings who

know what is best for the rest of us.

Business and income taxes are a very convenient means to mold the economy. Centralized education systems are a convenient means to mold minds.

The taxation-for-education crowd sees taxes and education as opportunities to continue the status quo at price costlier than they even realize. They may do this with the best of intentions, but intentions don’t create jobs and prosperity.

Winston Churchill once said to believe we can tax ourselves into prosperity “is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle.” Low taxes alone do not guarantee future jobs — regulatory structures, tort system, etc., all play a role in the business climate. But high taxes can absolutely prevent those jobs from being created.

We must safeguard our children’s future economy, otherwise there is very little to reason to prepare them for anything academically.

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### Socorro ISD works with realtors to get a clear picture of future growth

**By Carlos A. Briano  
Special to the Courier**

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — Yoli Chavez, a realtor with SW Properties, was curious when she was told the Socorro ISD tour would include a stop at the recently completed El Dorado High School vocational wing. She was amazed to learn that at the facility students can study and earn certification in careers like computer maintenance, auto mechanics, welding, cosmetology, heating ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) and culinary arts — to name a few — at no cost to the student or the parent.

But she was most surprised when she walked into the culinary arts facility and saw the state-of-the art kitchen and the auto port with all its modern equipment.

“I was very impressed with the facilities,” she says. “El Dorado is fantastic. They obviously provide students with so many good educational opportunities. And they can use those skills to work to pay for college.”

Educating local realtors about Socorro ISD’s various bond projects was the purpose of the second annual SISD Realtor’s Tour held on Sept. 29, 2005. In addition to touring El Dorado’s newest expansion, area realtors visited Hurshel Antwine — the district’s newest school — and were transported to various facilities under construction thanks to the 2004 Bond Issue. Realtors were also given packets with

information about the SISD, its campuses, commonly asked questions and other valuable resources.

“From the September 2004 to September 2005, we grew by 2462 students,” says Antonio Baca, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction. “That may not seem like a lot. But if you think about it, that’s the equivalent of three elementary schools. It’s very, very rapid growth.”

That growth means realtors will be selling many new homes in the SISD and for that, they need accurate information about schools in the district.

“This tour will definitely help me with my buyers,” says Judy Burrows of Century 21 Neighborhood Realty. “If a buyer has children, the schools are extremely important in their decision-making. Now I’ll have the benefit of this information. Plus I took several pictures and plan on putting them on a CD to present to my clients.”

The district plans to build nine new schools in the next five years as part of the 2004 Bond Program approved by voters. And according to Tom Eyeington, Assistant Superintendent of Operation Services, the district needs to continue to prepare for even more growth.

“Developers continue to approach us about developing areas within our district,” he says. “One developer wants to build 15,000 units in the area behind Sun Ridge Middle and Lujan-Chavez Elementary. That alone could increase our enrollment by 20,000 students.”





— Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD

## What’s cookin’ with Que Sabrosa?

MISSION VALLEY — San Elizario ISD Parent Liaisons Claudia Castro, far left, and Flor Reza, third from left, display some of the healthy goodness that can be created in any kitchen thanks to the Que Sabrosa Vida program in San Elizario. Castro and Reza hold sessions for parents and community members in San Elizario who are interested in making healthier cooking choices in the kitchen while still being able to enjoy some great tastes. For more information on attending a Que Sabrosa Vida session, contact Claudia Castro at 872-3939 ext. 3795 or Flor Reza at 872-3939 ext. 4651.

## NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION ELECTION, DIRECTOR ELECTION, BOND ELECTION, REFUNDING BOND ELECTION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE TAX ELECTION, AND SPECIAL CONTRACT ELECTION

TO THE DULY QUALIFIED RESIDENT ELECTORS OF PASEO DEL ESTE MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 AND TO ALL OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District No. 1 (the “District”) will hold an election within the District on Tuesday, the 8 day of November, 2005, between the th hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., at Horizon Heights Elementary School, 13601 Ryderwood Avenue, Horizon City, Texas, for the purposes of confirmation of creation of the district; electing five (5) members of the Board of Directors of the District; authorizing the issuance of bonds of the District; authorizing the issuance of refunding bonds for the District; authorizing the levy of a tax on taxable property within the District for operation and maintenance purposes; and authorizing the levy of a tax on taxable property within the District for the purpose of making payments related to a special contract between the District and Paseo del Este Municipal Utility Districts Nos. 2-9 and El Paso County Municipal Utility Districts Nos. 1 and 2.

The election is being held by order of the Board of Directors of the District. Voting in said election shall be by the use of paper ballots which shall conform to the requirements of the Texas Election Code. The boundaries of the District as established by the Order of the Board of Directors of Paseo del Este Municipal Utility District are hereby designated as and shall constitute one election precinct and the following persons are hereby appointed officers of said election:

Presiding Judge Eduardo Muñoz  
Alternate Presiding Judge \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

Early voting in the election by personal appearance shall begin on the fifteenth day preceding the election day, October 24, 2005, and shall continue through the fourth day preceding the election, November 4, 2005. The early voting clerk shall be Eduardo Muñoz, and the place at which early voting shall be conducted is 1199 Bill Burnett Drive, El Paso, Texas, located within the District. Eduardo Muñoz is appointed judge of the early voting board and he/she may appoint two clerks to assist.

The early voting clerk’s mailing address, to which ballot applications and ballots to be voted by mail may be sent, is 1199 Bill Burnett Drive, El Paso, Texas 79928. The early voting clerk shall keep the early voting place open from 4 p.m. to 7 p. m., on each day for early voting which is not a Saturday, a Sunday, or an official state holiday.

The election shall be held and conducted and returns made to the Board of Directors of the District in accordance with the Texas Election Code, as modified by Chapters 49 and 51, Texas Water Code.

All qualified resident electors of the District shall be entitled to vote in the election.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

## Socorro High’s Teatristas invited to perform in Scotland’s Fringe Festival

By Carlos A. Briano  
Special to the Courier

MISSION VALLEY — Every actor and actress dreams of one day performing “on the big stage.” And although we all have heard of Broadway, the biggest stage in the world is by far the Fringe Festival in Edinburgh, Scotland. For three weeks, Scotland’s capital becomes the world’s largest stage with performances throughout the city’s theatres, church halls, sport arenas, pubs, nightclubs, delis and even on moving buses.

When the Socorro High School Teatristas were notified by the American High School Theatre Festival (AHSTF) Board of Advisors that their troupe would be among those representing the United States at this world-renowned event, the group was elated.

“To be invited to perform is a rare and prestigious honor,” says Socorro drama director Troy Herbort. “Nationwide, fewer than 50 schools are invited to perform each year.”

To select the participating schools, the AHSTF Board of Advisors relies on state, regional, and national theatre organizations and university theatre professors to nominate the nation’s top high school programs. Each nominated school receives an application and all completed applications are reviewed by Board of Advisors.

UTEP professor Dr. Joel Murray nominated the Teatristas after working with Socorro students on their

production of the original play *El Mozote*. Socorro High was the only school in the area invited to perform at the Fringe Festival.

“The invitation to perform at the Fringe Festival is a reward for all of the hard work our company has done over the last several years,” says senior Robert Romero.

Although the extensive nomination and application process is now behind them and their hard work on the stage has been recognized, another type of work is just beginning. After all, the two-week trip to Scotland will be an expensive one. Herbort believes the trip will cost about \$5,000 per student.

“This is a significant amount of money for any family, but even much more so for most Socorro students,” he says. “Even asking parents to pay for only half of the trip would be asking them to contribute a sizable portion of the family income since the average household income in Socorro is under \$25,000 a year.”

The theater group is busy working at fundraising, but Herbort believes the only way Teatristas will be able to perform in Scotland is through corporate sponsorships.

“We would like for 20 to 25 students to take this trip to Scotland,” he says. “If a company would be able to sponsor one or more students, we would be forever in their debt. And they would become our stars.”

To get more information on sponsoring the Teatristas’ Edinburgh Fringe Festival trip, contact Troy Herbort at 937-2244 or therbort@sisd.net.



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TO DANCE A HIGHLAND JIG — The Socorro High School Teatristas have been invited to perform at the world-renowned Edinburgh Fringe Festival in August of 2006. Corporate sponsorships are needed to make the dream come true.



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# Alvarados of San Elizario: Roots run deep

By Sam Sanchez, Sr.  
Special to the Courier

Mariano Alvarado was getting ready to retire from the Crown’s service when word came that the move to Los Tiburcios was definite. Packing the mules for the 60 mile trek up river was no problem. After 25 years of dedicated service to the Crown, he had done many chores and being a *muletero* had been one of them.

In his younger years, he had been part of the *Compañia Volante*, a group of presidial soldiers from the Garrison of Guajuquilla in Nueva Vizcaya, present-day Jimenez, Chihuahua. Unlike the soldiers of Spain’s regular army, the presidial soldier was a special breed of man. Born and raised on the frontier, the presidial soldier was accustomed to the harsh conditions of his terrain and the dangers that came with it. Mariano was such a man. Recovering stolen livestock, children and other property from the Apaches had involved much of his time in the military. The Apache problem had been a constant threat as long as any presidial could remember.

Mariano had moved with the garrison when it was transferred to El Valle de San Eleazario in 1772. Now, 17 years later, the order for yet another transfer had arrived. This time the whole garrison was to move to a new location. By 1789, the new

presidio was operating at the Hacienda de los Tiburcios near the Paso del Norte. The name San Eleazario came with the new presidio when it was established. The settlers of the river communities needed the protection the new presidio could provide. Furthermore, commerce on the Camino Real had increased to where

friendly and living under the protection of the presidio, others couldn’t be trusted. Old habits were hard to break and pilfering at the opportune time seemed to have been a way of life. Even the Apaches that were wards of the presidio would steal.

One of Mariano’s sons, Jose, enlisted in the Crown’s service and was retained at the San Elceario Presidio while most of the garrison was moved south to suppress the insurgents that has risen to liberate Mexico from Spanish rule. Jose was serving the militia as a soldier in 1819 under Col. Don Pedro Ruiz de Larramendi. Mexico became an independent country in 1821, and while it took some time until the settlers of the river communities felt the effects of being Mexican, the change opened the door to commerce with the Americans.

The American traders who traveled the Santa Fe Trail were rough and tumble men who liked to drink, gamble, fight and chase women. This behavior allowed the residents to form negative opinions of the Americans. In 1848, the

Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo was signed. As a result of this treaty, the United States acquired California, Nevada, Utah and most of Arizona and New Mexico, and parts of Colorado and Wyoming.

The river communities of El Paso del Norte, previously a part of Mexico, were now in the United States. Some of the residents were disgusted and elected to remain Mexicans and moved south of the Rio Grande where refugee camps were established.

One of Jose Alvarado’s sons, Hilario, remained to work part of the land given to his grandfather, Mariano. Hilario married Josefa Castaneda and built his house near the old presidio. Like many, he too used adobes from the presidio walls to build his house. Ultimately, out of the presidio the town of San Elizario was born.

Hilario and Josefa had seven children: Andres, Jose, Catarina (my grandmother), Refugio (Cuca), Santos, Abel and Jesus. Refugio married Luis Grijalva and Catarina married Benito Caballero. Jose married Delfina Caballero, one of Benito’s daughters by a previous marriage. All settled in San Elizario.

From Spain to Mexico to the Republic of Texas, to the United States, the fabulous first half of the 19th Century brought great changes to the river communities barely surviving in the shadows of Paso del Norte. The flags changed but the people remained the same — hard-working, courageous, tolerant of one another and always opening the door to new visitors. Everyone called everyone else *primo* or cousin.

San Elizario hasn’t changed much in 300 years. Now it is an historic town that proudly displays its history at the Los Portales Museum.

## Screening

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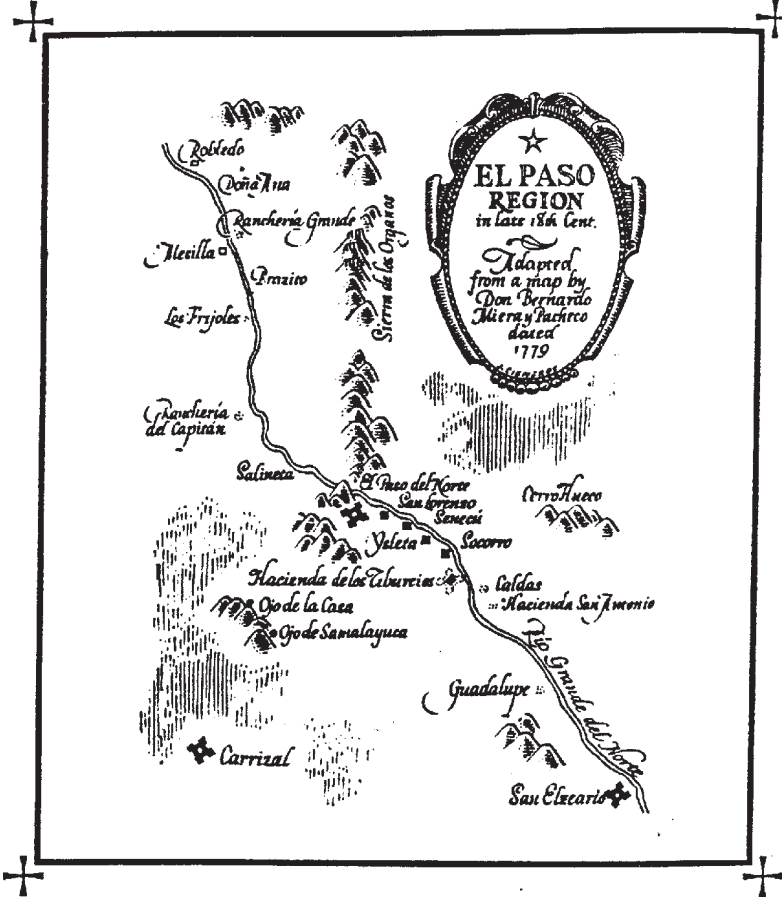
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More information from the TSA is available at <http://www.tsa.gov>.



**SAN ELIZARIO — The roots of many families in San Elizario, birthplace of the Mission Valley, run deep and long. The history of these families is being carefully preserved and documented by the community of San Elizario at the Los Portales Museum. One such example is the following. The author makes special note of the different spellings of San Elizario as the historical essay progresses.**


traffic was at times heavy and wagons needed protection from marauding Apaches.

In 1797, Mariano finally retired and obtained a land grant from Jose Maria de la Riva, Commandant at the Presidio of San Elceario. By 1803, he had made the transition from soldier to farmer and was supporting his growing family on his plot of land. Apaches were always a constant menace and Mariano and his sons had to keep a watchful eye, even while working in the fields.

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# Ron Artest: Poster boy for walking, talking mistakes

By Steve Escajeda  
*Special to the Courier*

Now I don't know about you but growing up, I realized at a very early age that most of the stuff I learned — I learned from my mistakes.

I must admit, sometimes it took a couple of mistakes before it finally sunk in, but at least it finally did.

And if you do something wrong and get punished severely enough, you certainly tell yourself, "I won't make that mistake again."

That brings us to the infamous Ron Artest, the Indiana Pacers forward who was at the forefront of the now famous basket brawl incident between the Pacers and Detroit Pistons last season.

You remember the one, players from both teams battling each other, fans on the court and fans in the stands.

Artest was that real brave guy who just turned and walked away when Detroit's powerful Ben Wallace clocked him in the face during a game, but then jumped to his feet and chased down a much smaller fan who tossed a

paper cup at him.

Well, after receiving a 73-game suspension, missing the rest of the season, Artest is back.

He'll play his first regular season game in almost a year next week as the NBA gets underway.

And with all that happened to Artest last season, and all that's happened to Artest before that incident, I'm sure the malcontent has finally seen the light, right?

Buuuzzzz! Oh, I'm sorry but that's a wrong answer. The correct answer is "he hasn't learned a single thing!"

Artest came out recently and spoke to reporters about how he might change his style of play and his direct quote was, "I'm going to continue playing hard and out of control, like a wild animal that needs to be caged in. I'll let the referees handle it."

No, that wasn't Mike Tyson, that was Ron Artest. But doesn't that sound like something Tyson would say?

That tells me that Artest either didn't learn a thing about what he did, or he's way too macho to admit it. Remember, it's all about street cred.

The last thing Artest can afford to do, in his itty bitty tiny mind, is admit that he has been

taken down a peg. To him, to admit that he is going to be even a little more civilized is an admission of weakness, not strength.

Boy, has he got it backward. And I'm afraid that we're going to hear from Mr. Artest again this season, and not in a positive way.

They say before you can treat a disorder is to first admit that you've got one — and evidently, Artest will never do that.

Can you say, "inevitable self-destruction."

## Holy football

I've heard of some ridiculous things in my time but this one ranks up there as one of the strangest.

Seems a New Jersey high school football coach resigned recently because he could no longer perform a certain ritual with him team.

Marcus Borden quit his position after 23 years as head coach of East Brunswick High because school administration officials said he could no longer engage in pre-game prayer with his team.

School officials said students in the district could pray at certain school functions but it had to be initiated by the students and faculty could not participate.

Citing separation of church and state, school administrators said it was unconstitutional for the coach to lead the team in prayer during pre-game meals or before games.

Funny, I played high school football 28 years ago and we took a knee in prayer before every game for about 30 seconds.

Now, I can't say that I actually took the time to pray every time, but I was respectful, I went down on one knee with my team and it never bugged me a bit.

Evidently, the ritual did bother some players.

Though the support of the players and families is overwhelmingly with coach Borden, district officials did say that a few players took offense and their rights had to be met.

Is there a God out there? I don't know for sure — I'm not that smart. I hope there is. But whatever the answer, how difficult is it to stand or kneel and show respect to whatever you believe in.

The point is not what you believe in, but that young people are encouraged to believe in something. Life is confusing enough for them already.

What's next? Will coaches be forced to take the "Hail Mary" pass out of their playbooks?

# Exotic travel experience good – and bad

By Jan Engels  
*Special to the Courier*

PHOENIX TO ITALY — I was there... on the Royal Caribbean *Splendor of the Seas* cruise starting from Barcelona, Spain with my sister, Marian Hoff, from Phoenix, Arizona.

It was an experience — some good, some bad.

We began our journey by flying from Phoenix to Philadelphia on Wednesday, Sept. 28 in three hours. We changed planes in Philly and arrived in Barcelona at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 29. There is an eight hour time difference from the United States to Barcelona.

We took a cab to our Hotel Husa Oriente, a ride of 15 minutes. The charge should have been between 10-

15 Euros under the European currency system. We misheard the taxi driver, however, and gave him 55 Euros! One Euro is approximately \$1.25.

Bad experience

The Hotel on Las Ramblas Street was very clean. It's on a very high traffic street of hotels, restaurants and people. The food was very tasty. We saw a great Opera Flamenco Show in the evening.

Good experience

I was there... on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 1, as we prepared to take a bus to the pier to board our ship. Walking to the bus stop on Las Ramblas Street, pulling our luggage, we stopped to watch some street vendors — human statues painted all in gold, silver, white, green. They stand motionless until someone drops a coin in their coin box then they move

for a short period of time. I turned to get my camera and found my whole purse gone! The passport, the driver's license, the credit cards, the money, the eye glasses, the camera — a whole identify snatched away in a matter of a few seconds.

Bad experience!

A police report was made with the help of a very nice policeman named Carlos Fernandez at the Barcelona police station. It would have been impossible to board the ship without the police report and I had the foresight to take me *West Texas County Courier* credentials with me in the

hopes of getting an audience with the Pope.

Good experience.



SHE WAS THERE — Jan Engels with Captain Petter Sundet and her sister, Marian Hoff.

I was there... as we boarded the *Splendor of the Seas* and set sail. Because of the unrest in Marseille, France we were unable to dock and continued on our journey for day two. That was fine with this writer as I was overcome with motion sickness and spent the day in bed.

Bad experience

On day three the ship docked in Nice, France and Monte Carlo, the French Riviera. Interesting information on Monaco, an independent county, of only 7000 inhabitants, but very rich inhabitants — and none of them are allowed to gamble at the Casino. The latest transplant who has bought a Villa in Nice/ Villafranche is Bill Gates, Microsoft Office

Guru. The weather was rainy so there were no sun bathers on the beaches.

On our day four stop, Livorno, Italy, we did not go into port until 1 p.m. Unbeknownst to us — this writer and sister — all shops are closed from 1 to 4:30 p.m., even the street markets. Fortunately, we found a little shop run by some Chinese merchants that was open and shopped for scarves and a new purse to replace the stolen one.

Good experience.

I was there... on day five as we docked at Civitavecchia, Italy and took the bus to Rome. The day was Wednesday and the Pope was in residence and came out at 11

a.m. to greet the people. This writer did get a glimpse of him but unfortunately had to spend the day at the American Embassy getting a new passport and was unable to get an audience with His Holiness.

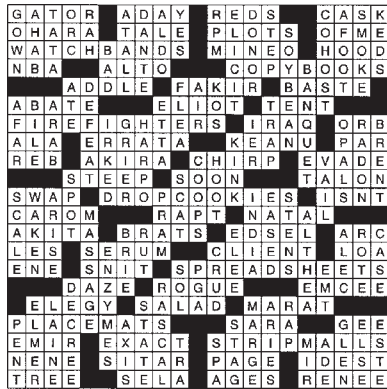
The personnel at the American Embassy were very congenial, efficient and helpful. Luigi Birilli and Mark Schapiro, Chief of Staff, were excellent. As mentioned earlier with the Barcelona police report from Barcelona and the *West Texas County Courier* picture credential this writer was very fortunate to receive my passport in a timely manner.

Good experience.

Walking back to St. Peter's Square I even found a Hard Rock Café. Yes, they *are* everywhere!

I was there... on day six as we docked in Naples, Italy and took a tour around the very old city of Napoli/Naples. This is where the

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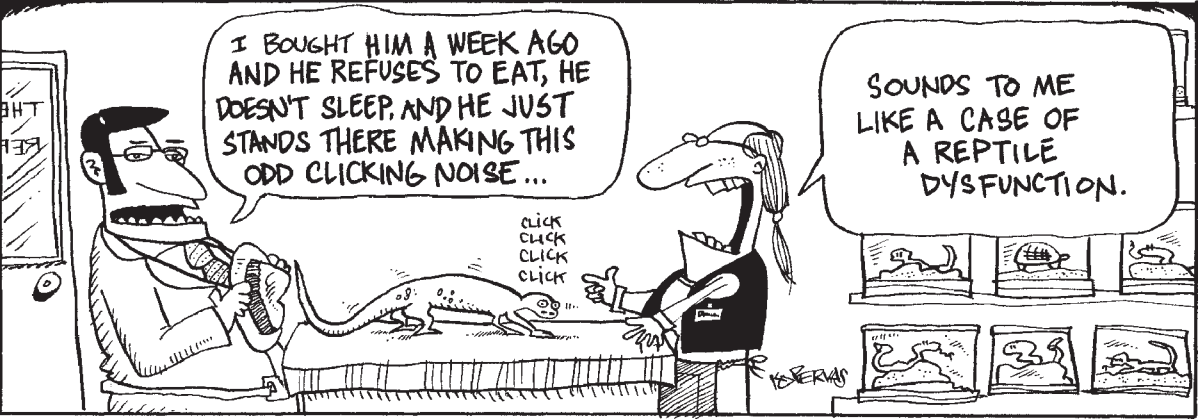
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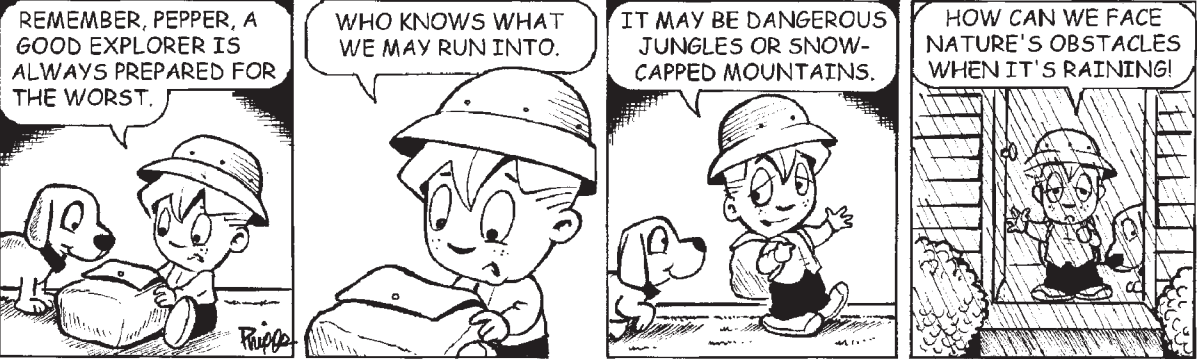
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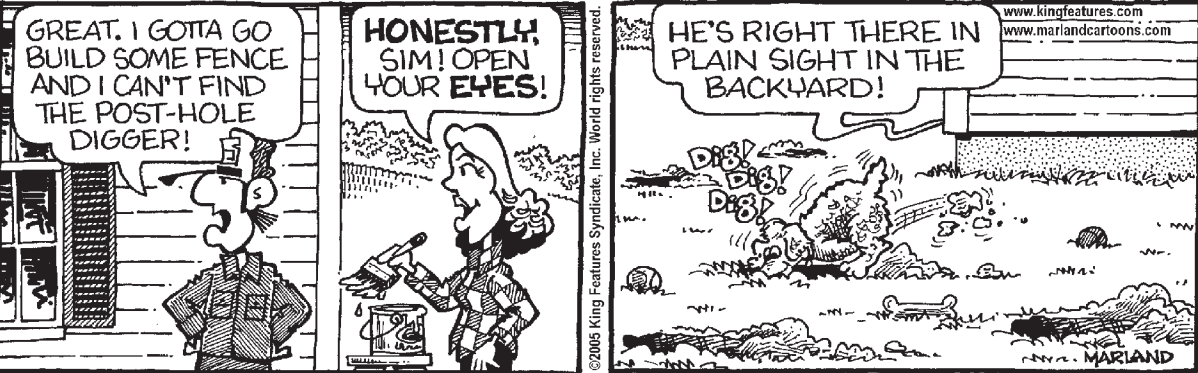
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Pajamas make the man

By Don Flood

Many of my readers, I realize, may be reading this in their pajamas, which means, sadly, that they could be anywhere — at home, at work, or in school.

Pajamas — they’re not just for beddy-bye anymore! In fact, a recent CNN.com story said that wearing pajamas in public has become “all the rage.”

I could say this signals the End of Western Civilization, but let’s face it, we passed that marker awhile ago, back when young men began wearing baseball caps backward.

On the plus side, though, the trend may solve one vexing problem: what to call our time period. We’ve been through Modern, Post-Modern, Post Post Modern, Post Neo Retro Modern, etc.

Now we can stride confidently into the new Age of Pajamas.

I realize I’m dating myself here, but I’d be embarrassed *to wear them to bed*.

I wouldn’t want the dust mites to see me. (I’m not sure dust mites have eyes, but why take the chance?)

You know how some people — I’m talking about you here — have these weird dreams where they appear naked in public? I have nightmares about appearing in pajamas.

Let’s face it. Even the name is embarrassing — pajamas. They sound as goofy as they look.

I mean, they’re even more casual than sweats, which will soon be considered formal wear. Invitations to fancy balls and cotillions will start saying, “Sweat suits required.”

And the trend is spreading:

- During the recent Senate confirmation hearings, new Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts,

when asked to comment on the direction of the court, said, “I think we’re going to see more judges wearing pajamas instead of robes.”

While not strictly related to the Constitution, the comment seemed to please most senators, many of whom were themselves wearing pajamas.

- Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld reportedly attends cabinet meetings wearing superhero pajamas, his favorite being Spider-Man.

Wearing these “power jammies” allows the wearer to make two strong statements. 1) I am working so hard I don’t have time to change from my pajamas, and 2) I may be crazy enough to be dangerous.

The president was surprised at first but quickly warmed up to the new attire, often saying, “Thanks, Rummy, but I was wondering: How does Spider-Man feel about this?”

(Editor’s note: Despite numerous photos proving otherwise — including one where the secretary appears to be hanging upside down from the ceiling in the Oval Office — the Defense Department categorically denied that Rumsfeld ever wore Spider-Man pajamas to the White House.

“That’s outrageous,” sputtered one official. “He *always* wears his Batman pajamas.”)

One concern I have is Casual Friday. If you’re already wearing pajamas, how do you dress down? Will people start coming to work wrapped in a towel?

Not me. I don’t think a towel is a good look for me.

If it comes to that, I might have to opt for pajamas — Super-Man, of course.

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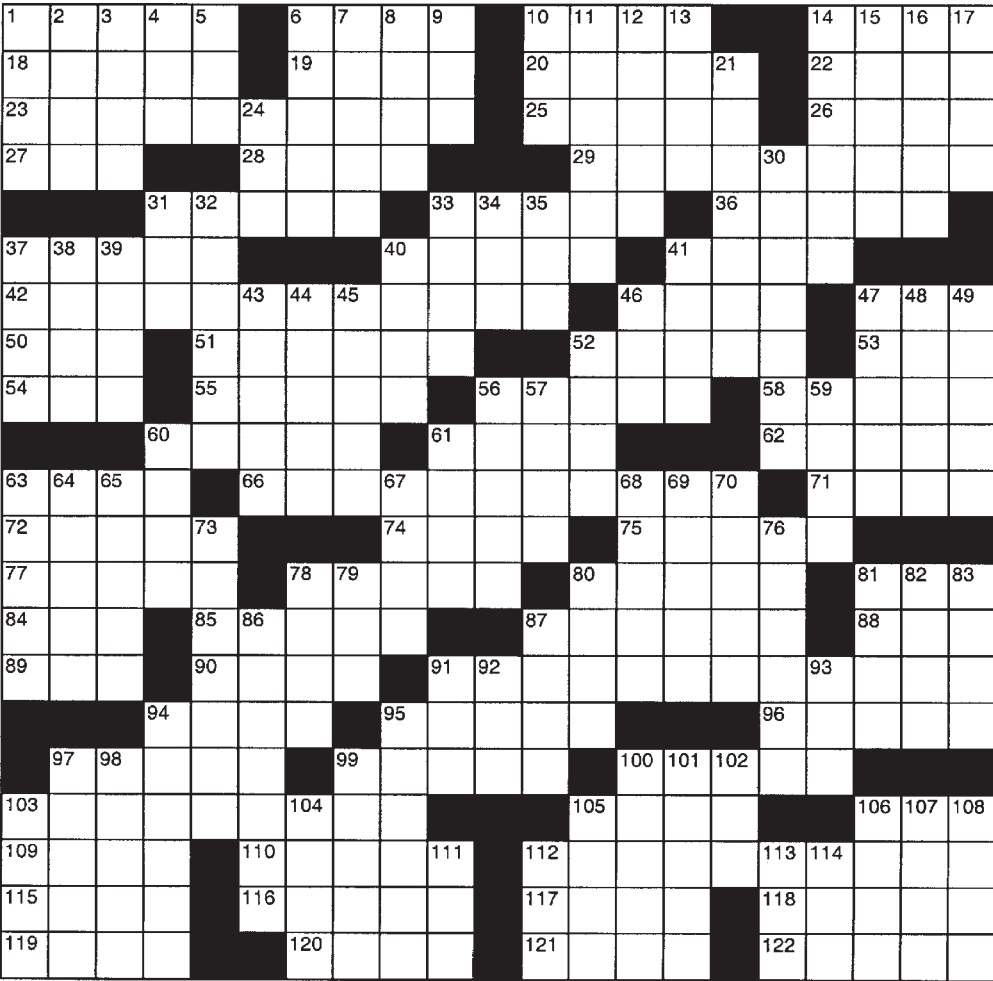
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# I was there

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Mozzarella cheese originated. There were cow billboards everywhere, which our tour guide explained was why the cheese was so good — contented cows! Interesting custom of Naples — every Sunday is fish day and the residents come to the dock and buy fresh fish to cook that day.

Good experience.

On day seven when we sailed back and docked at Barcelona again. Of course, we contacted the police to see

if some Good Samaritan had turned in the passport, driver's license or even the camera. Yes, we were dreaming. No such luck. The trip was finished by going through customs and boarding the plane to Philadelphia... back to Phoenix... back to El Paso. As luck would have it this writer's luggage got randomly selected for inspection in Barcelona, in Philadelphia and again in Phoenix! The ICTS Security man in Barcelona was very rude and treated us like pre-determined criminals, confiscating two books of matches that were supposed to be souvenirs.

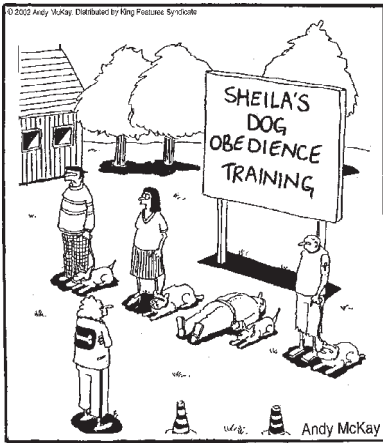
Bad experience.

I was there... experiencing our nightly fabulous dinners prepared by Melroy Antao and his crew and served to us by our very versatile waiters, Antonio and Eden. They treated us like royalty and gave impeccable service. Their crew schedule consists of six months of 24/7 on duty service and six weeks off duty service. Our dinner companions were three couples from Norway. It was enjoyable comparing the customs, economics and lifestyles of Norway and the United States. This writer learned how to say "cheers" in Norwegian which is "Skal" and also in Russian "Novstronia!"

Good experience.

Our Captain, Petter Sundet, from Norway, informed us that there were 722 crew members from 50 countries as well as 1400 guests from 40 countries. The Royal Caribbean could accommodate 2000 guests. The largest number of guests was from the United States, 1087, and the second largest number of guests was from Norway, 167. Seven of the twelve head Chiefs in Commands were also from Norway.

Would this writer go again or recommend it? Yes, but only if I could be assured of no bad experiences.



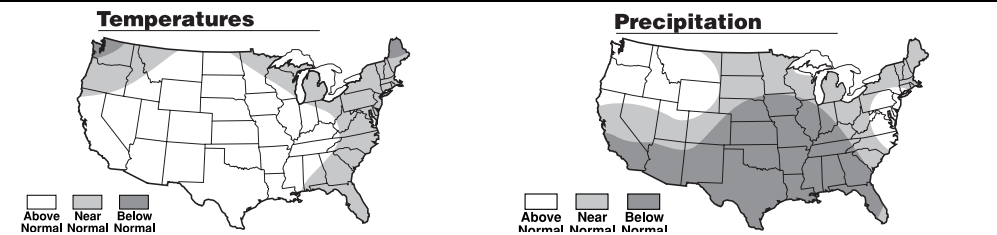
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WEATHER TRENDS THIS WEEK



IN THE SKY

Sun	Rise	Set	Moon	Rise	Set	New	First
Thu.	7:18 a.m.	6:21 p.m.	Thu.	2:12 a.m.	3:45 p.m.		
Fri.	7:19 a.m.	6:20 p.m.	Fri.	3:08 a.m.	4:11 p.m.	11/1	11/8
Sat.	7:19 a.m.	6:19 p.m.	Sat.	4:04 a.m.	4:37 p.m.		
Sun.	6:20 a.m.	5:18 p.m.	Sun.	4:00 a.m.	4:02 p.m.	Full	Last
Mon.	6:21 a.m.	5:17 p.m.	Mon.	4:58 a.m.	4:29 p.m.		
Tues.	6:22 a.m.	5:16 p.m.	Tues.	5:58 a.m.	5:00 p.m.	11/15	11/23
Wed.	6:23 a.m.	5:15 p.m.	Wed.	7:02 a.m.	5:35 p.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	66	53	sh	71	53	pc	73	54	s	74	52	sh
Albuquerque, NM	68	45	s	68	45	s	65	42	sh	65	41	sh
Amarillo, TX	65	42	c	67	43	pc	71	45	s	70	42	sh
Austin, TX	75	51	t	77	51	pc	78	51	s	76	54	pc
Brownsville, TX	85	66	sh	78	65	t	79	65	pc	82	67	sh
Dodge City, KS	64	40	s	65	43	s	72	44	s	70	41	pc
Jackson, MS	68	40	s	67	39	pc	70	43	s	71	46	s
Laredo, TX	80	62	sh	76	63	t	79	63	pc	79	63	sh
Little Rock, AR	68	45	pc	64	43	pc	68	45	s	70	49	s
Lubbock, TX	62	45	c	66	48	pc	69	46	s	65	44	sh
Memphis, TN	66	42	s	62	44	pc	66	46	s	70	51	s
Midland, TX	72	50	c	70	50	pc	71	50	s	73	49	sh
Pueblo, CO	65	32	s	67	36	s	72	36	s	68	30	s
Roswell, NM	71	45	s	69	45	pc	72	44	s	73	44	sh
St. Louis, MO	62	40	pc	58	39	s	60	43	s	62	47	s
San Antonio, TX	76	53	t	75	56	pc	76	57	s	76	57	pc
Texarkana, AR	70	45	pc	70	48	pc	70	51	s	72	52	s
Waco, TX	74	54	t	75	54	pc	75	55	s	76	54	pc
Wichita, KS	68	42	pc	65	44	s	66	48	s	68	48	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

	Thursday			Friday			Saturday			Sunday		
CITY	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W
Atlanta	64	42	s	60	42	pc	60	44	pc	67	48	s
Boston	52	38	pc	52	38	pc	54	40	pc	56	44	r
Chicago	52	38	pc	54	38	pc	58	42	s	60	44	s
Denver	69	36	s	67	38	s	69	40	s	65	35	s
Detroit	50	38	sh	52	38	pc	56	38	pc	56	40	s
Houston	76	52	pc	76	52	sh	76	54	s	74	52	pc
Indianapolis	51	37	pc	53	36	pc	55	38	s	60	43	s
Kansas City	60	39	s	60	41	s	62	46	s	65	46	s
Los Angeles	71	58	pc	68	58	r	70	57	pc	76	58	pc
Miami	79	67	sh	83	68	sh	83	70	sh	83	72	pc
Minneapolis	54	40	s	56	40	s	56	42	pc	54	38	c
New Orleans	74	51	s	70	50	pc	73	53	s	75	56	s
New York City	54	44	pc	56	44	pc	54	44	r	56	48	r
Omaha	64	36	s	63	39	s	63	42	s	64	40	pc
Phoenix	87	62	s	85	60	s	83	58	s	85	58	s
San Francisco	64	52	pc	63	52	sh	65	54	pc	67	53	pc
Seattle	54	46	r	54	43	sh	56	46	r	56	46	r
Washington	55	40	pc	55	42	pc	57	44	r	57	46	r

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