



NEWSBRIEFS

Mountain cleanup

The fourth annual "Gift to the Mountain" cleanup effort in and around the Franklin Mountains hosted by Keep El Paso Beautiful, Solid Waste Management, the Texas Dept. of Environmental Quality, the El Paso Street Dept. and the El Paso Police Dept., area high schools and more than 2,000 volunteers will be held on Feb. 4 beginning at 8 a.m.. TransMountain Rd. on both sides of the mountain, Scenic Drive, Gasline Rd. and Alabama will see cleanup activity at about 13 sites. For information, contact Kim Prieto, 276-3767.

Degree opportunity

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board has approved UTEP's newest degree, a Bachelor of Multidisciplinary Studies. The degree will allow students to select 15 credit hours from each of three concentration areas in place of a pre-planned major. Students enrolled in this program will also complete the required core curriculum. "This program offers students an alternative route to degree completion," said Maggy Smith, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Studies and Dean of the University College. "Rather than completing a traditionally designed, specialized major, students pursue a broader multidisciplinary perspective that is a highly individualized program of study." University officials said the program will also benefit those students whose college careers have been interrupted by financial, family or military obligations. "It will allow students who have accumulated many credits over time in many disciplines to package them in a meaningful way and move closer to completing a degree," Smith said. Students who are interested in the new degree should contact the Office for Undergraduate Studies at (915) 747-5151 or visit www.utep.edu/univcoll.

In other news

■ The Texas Education Agency and Region 19 will hold a public meeting on Feb. 20 at 6611 Boeing at 4:30 p.m. to gather public input on the specific special education issues of access to general curriculum, statewide assessments and parent participation. For more information call 780-5087 or visit www.tea.state.tx.us/special.ed/tcip.

■ A Mariachi and Folklorico festival hosted by the Americas National Honor Society will be held on Saturday, Feb. 4 at 8 a.m. at 12101 Pellicano. Groups of all age will compete for prizes. Admission is \$3, five and under are free.

■ El Dorado High School, 12401 Edgemere, will host a Military Collegiate Forum on Feb. 8 at 6:30 p.m. Representatives from the nation's military academies

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Too often an abandoned child is the one who is still living with his parents.

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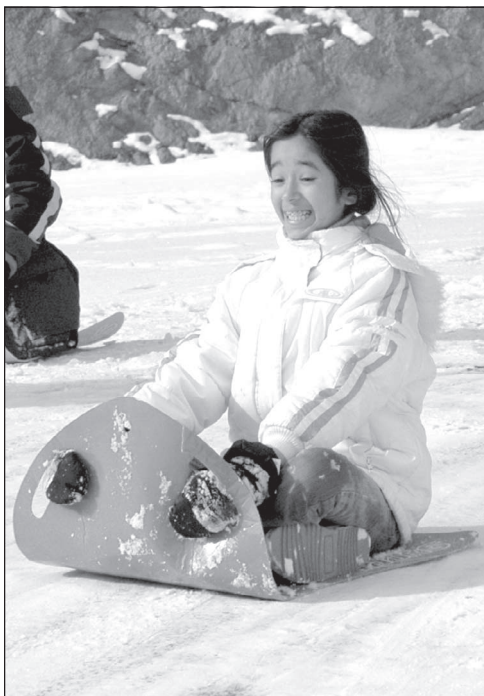
Tornillo ISD expands travel opportunities for students

By Rudy Barreda
Special to the Courier

TORNILLO — Recently, students in Tornillo ISD have had the chance to do some major traveling as part of the expanded field trip opportunities the district is providing. For doing well on last year's TAKS test, one group of students traveled to Colorado Springs to explore Pikes Peak, and another group traveled to our nation's capital and toured some of the major sites of Washington, D.C.

On Dec. 17, the Colorado group of 12 students and five district sponsors traveled by bus to the Royal Gorge Bridge, their first major destination. The Royal Gorge Bridge and Park, near Cañon City, Colorado, is the most visited theme park and wildlife park in the Pikes Peak region. This historical landmark features the world's highest suspension bridge. The group rode the rail car down to the bottom of the gorge. Then they rode the gondola and walked across the bridge. Later they drove into

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— Photo courtesy Tornillo ISD

ALL DOWNHILL FROM HERE — TISD student Rebecca Serrano slides down a hill near Pikes Peak, Colorado.



— Photo courtesy Socorro ISD

FOND MEMORIES — Students of Jane A. Hambric School listen to Stephen Hambric share memories of Jane's love for teaching during the school's annual Career Day.

Husband of the late Jane A. Hambric visits school that bears her name

By Carlos A. Briano
Special to the Courier

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — Jane A. Hambric's husband thought she would be a famous writer. Instead her fame comes from a school named in her honor and her 15-year teaching career in the Socorro Independent School District.

Hambric's husband Stephen reminisced about his wife and her career as a kickoff to the school's annual Career Day on Jan. 25. Organizers wanted to help students get to know the woman behind the name on the school.

"She kept in touch with many of her students who went off to college," remembered Hambric. "She'd often send them birthday cards with a few dollars. She'd tell them to buy a sandwich on her."

"It was very interesting," says seventh grader Mitzelle Escobar. "I learned so many new things about Mrs. Hambric. It makes me very proud that this school is named after such a great woman."

"It's truly inspirational to bring back the history of Jane A. Hambric to current students," says Principal Danny Gurany. "When Mr. Hambric talks about his wife, it's almost as if she's still here. It's very inspirational."

Stephen Hambric said he is always eager to offer any help to the school, including talking about his late wife to students.

"It's a subject that's very dear to my heart and something that's very easy to do," he says. "But I'm still humbled, as Jane would be. She truly cared more about the education of others, more than personal accolades. Our family is very honored that her peers and the District felt that there needed to be a school named after her."

Canutillo to vote on school bonds this Saturday

By Don Woodyard
Courier Staff Writer

CANUTILLO — If the past accurately reflects the future, then the \$39 million school bond vote Saturday in the Canutillo Independent School District would most likely pass.

History shows that voters have been sympathetic and supportive of CISD's proposals, passing numerous school bond issues since it first went into operation nearly 50 years ago on April 18, 1959.

In that time, according to a CISD publication, voters have gone to the polls seven times, and on each occasion, giving a green light to district proposals. Total funds approved to date top \$56 million. If the bond issue passes Saturday, that figure would approach \$100 million.

The first election was in 1962 when voters passed a \$330,000 bond issue to add a new classroom wing for high school students. The second bond issue was in 1973 when voters approved \$800,000 to build a high school — a far cry from the \$23 million passed in 1999 for the new Canutillo High School that just opened.

Voters will have two propositions on the ballot.

Proposition 1 (if approved) provides:

- \$23 million for the purchase of land sites and the construction of two new elementary schools;
- \$11.9 million estimated for innovations and upgrades for all campuses; and
- \$3.3 million payout of the existing lease purchase agreement that was used to finance the phase two classroom additions to Canutillo Elementary in 1998.

The improvements to campuses include such items as roof replacements, electrical upgrades, security cameras, locker rooms, new windows and doors.

Proposition 2 (if approved) would allow the district to refinance \$730,000 from maintenance and operation (M&O) and move it over to debt service (I&S) fund. District officials compare this to refinancing your home. The move is intended to free up money for use in school operations.

What the district terms "unprecedented" growth in the student population is the underlying factor that has triggered the new bond issue on the heels of opening the new high school.

"Canutillo ISD is growing rapidly. This bond issue is an investment in our children; it's prudent planning for the future," underscores school board president Sergio Coronado.

Growth has also necessitated realigning and improving district campuses. The district now has two middle schools. Both schools will serve students in grades six to eight. Each will have between 600 and 675 students.

The old high school is now the "new" Canutillo Middle School. The "old" CMS is now Jose L. Alderete Middle School. Some

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One perspective

By Francis Shrum

New and Improved

The future is now. It's literally beginning to get under our skins and we're doing it on purpose.

For less than it costs to get a tattoo, folks are having a radio frequency identification (RFID) computer chip — smaller than a grain of rice — implanted under their skin, encrypted with all their personal information, accessible to "readers" or scanning devices on things they use that require a key or code — home, car, computer, etc.

All they have to do is put their body part containing the chip up close to the scanner, within about three inches, and they've got instant access. Like magic. No fear of losing their keys or forgetting their password.

Like all things New and Improved, it sounds like the answer to a lot of problems.

To me, it sounds like one more layer on top of lives that have become over-loaded already — just another rung on the hopeless ladder that human beings insist on climbing in search of the mythical Holy Panacea of Convenience.

We never want to take a hard look at the potential for disaster.

The biggest problem with this newest chapter in New and Improved is that the idea sounds way more practical than the actual application. Reality interferes. The little thing called money that has already caused every company in the world that manufactures telephones, automobiles, appliances, computers, etc. to have specific kinds of parts and accessories that don't interchange or interact with any other model of its breed — and they are all carefully engineered to quit working in a matter of months.

I can see it now — you get a glitch in your RFID chip or scanner and you can't get to work because your car won't start. So you call the RFID repairman — which takes up at least half the day just getting through the automated phone system — until you finally get a real live person on the line who says he can't fix it because your model is outdated and he can't get parts anymore. You say, how can this be? I only got it a couple of days ago! Well, he says, these things are becoming New and Improved so quickly that changes are being implemented about every millisecond, and

you probably got yours on sale, right? Well, yes, you say. That's because they were clearing out the old models, he says, you know, those they built last week.

And what about changes in personal information? Maybe you'll reconsider taking that new job in another town or getting married if it's going to require a change in the information safely lodged under your hide.

All you can do is wonder how big this scar is going to get everytime they change this thing out. Hope those repairmen sterilize their tools.

Since modern inventions are never interchangeable, having been intentionally designed to never work with anything else, your handy under-the-skin key system is not going to work on every door, electronic device or automobile you need to access. You're going to have to tote around some keys and cards and passwords anyway. Just another layer.

The big push behind all this is, of course, security. But since these RFIDs are wireless, and technology

is advancing rapidly to make them more and more accessible to their owners for encrypting, storing and transmitting information, what's to keep unauthorized, unethical people from doing the same to *your* little chip?

You'll need a security device to

Improved!

Besides, a car thief isn't going to bother with your keys. A non-electronic slim-jim works way better, and if he sets off the alarm, who cares? Nobody in the parking lot bothers to stop and take notice anyway. They figure it was set off by some doofus who just got it installed and doesn't know how to work it.

The biggest problem I see with this New and Improved hide-away key system, though, is one that was actually illustrated by a fellow who was promoting this new technology. He liked the idea because, he said, "even if I'm in the alley naked, I want to



still be able to get in (my house)."

My first thought was to wonder why on earth he would be naked in an alley.

My second thought was that if he were in that condition it was probably because he was being robbed.

My third thought was the least palatable. If these were techno-savvy thieves and he'd already handed over his unattached wallet, keys and clothes, what were these hoodlums going to take next?

protect your security device.

As far as security goes, if somebody steals my keys, good luck figuring out what they all unlock. They are so secure I don't even know myself.

Figuring out which car fits which keys in a crowded parking lot could be quite a challenge for a thief unless, of course, you have a wireless key which — with the push of one little button — causes your car to speak right up. So much for New and

Establishing paternity at birth gives children solid start

By Greg Abbott
Attorney General of Texas

The birth of a child is one of the most joyous events in a couple's life — a wonderful fact of life balanced by the stark reality that about one in every three births in Texas involves parents who aren't married.

One of the most important jobs of my office's Child Support Division performs is establishing paternity for children born to single mothers, guar-

anteeing a legal relationship between the father and his child.

Under Texas law, a child born to a man and woman who are not married has no legal father. Voluntary acknowledgment of paternity (AOP) is one way to establish legal fatherhood so that children are eligible for child support and benefits such as Social Security, veteran's survivor benefits and health insurance. Legal paternity also guarantees a father's

rights as a parent, such as making it easier to visit his children.

Not long ago, my office was contacted regarding a new, unmarried father who, tragically, was dying from a brain tumor. He hadn't yet completed an AOP, but he wanted to do so before he passed away so that his children could receive his benefits. My office contacted the parents and gave them an explanation of the rights and responsibilities associated with paternity establishment. The father was very ill. Several weeks later, we heard from the child's mother, who said that the father had passed away but had signed an AOP before he died. She said she wanted to thank us because the child's father was comforted to know that as a result of his signed AOP, his child was going to get his Social Security benefits.

This story poignantly illustrates how important an AOP can be in getting children the benefits they need. The best place and time to sign an AOP is usually at the hospital when the baby is born. The child's mother and father are most likely to be present together at that time, and they are willing to do what is necessary for their child's well-being.

Most parents come to the hospital planning to put the father's name on the birth certificate. In Texas, however, a man who isn't married to the child's mother has to sign the AOP before his name can go on the birth certificate. Hospitals are required to provide unmarried parents with the opportunity to establish paternity, and with information about the rights and responsibilities of establishing paternity. Because the Acknowledgment of Paternity becomes a legal finding of paternity when it is filed with the Bureau of Vital Statistics (BVS), it is very important that parents understand the responsibility to which they are committing. For example, a man should not voluntarily acknowledge paternity unless he is absolutely sure he is the father of the child, and the mother agrees. If the parents are certain of the child's paternity, however, the father can sign the AOP at the hospital at the time of birth and the hospital will file the form with BVS free of charge.

I am committed to seeing as many babies as possible go home from the hospital with their paternity established. My office's Child Support Division has developed a Paternity Opportunity Program (POP) that trains and certifies employees of hospitals and birthing centers to assist parents with the AOP process while the mother and child are still in the hospital. POP provides hospitals with brochures and a video that discuss the

benefits and responsibilities of paternity establishment. Hospital staff, in turn, give this information to unmarried parents while they are at the hospital. Parents can also call 1-800-252-8014, option 4, to receive verbal information about paternity establishment in English or Spanish.


When fathers can't be present at the hospital for their child's birth, the Attorney General's office is happy to work with them to facilitate the AOP process. For example, a military father can obtain and sign an AOP from my office during the mother's pregnancy, in case he is deployed before the baby is born. If he is deployed, the mother can take the AOP to the hospital when she delivers the baby, so the father's name can appear on the birth certificate. Not only does the certified copy of the AOP help set that child on a firm foundation, but both mom and dad also can rest in the knowledge that if the unthinkable happens, the serviceman's child will be entitled to full veteran's benefits.

Together, we are giving the children of Texas a sound start in life. If you would like more information about AOPs, please contact my office at 1-800-252-8014.

The AOP form is available at all hospitals, birthing facilities, and child support offices, free of charge and, once executed, should be sent to: The Bureau of Vital Statistics, 1100 W. 49th Street, Austin, TX 78756-3191

Unmarried parents can apply for free child support services by contacting the Office of the Attorney General at: Child Support Division, Office of the Attorney General, P.O. Box 12017, Austin, TX 78711-2017, (800) 252-8014

Information on this and other topics is available on the Attorney General's Web site at www.oag.state.tx.us.



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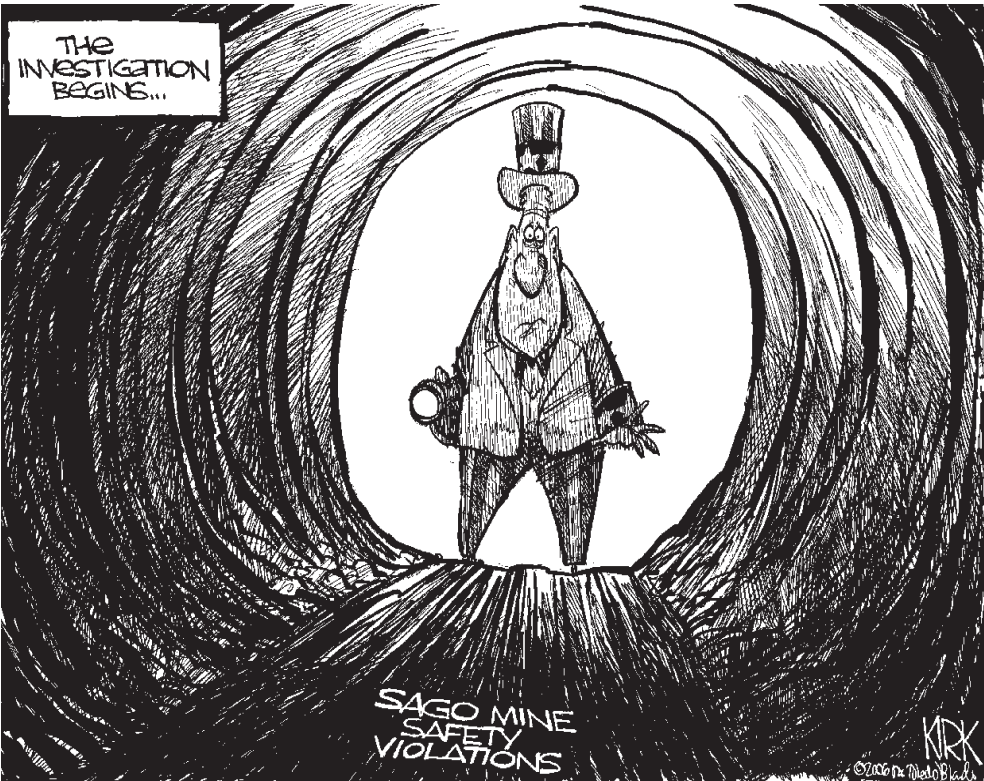
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Reyes Reports

By U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes

Seeing red during American Heart Month

This Sunday, as we gather to watch the Steelers and the Seahawks duke it out in Super Bowl XL, an event that will most likely include fattening food, and lots of it, we should try to remember that this week also marks the beginning of American Heart Month.

Over 40 years ago, Congress designated February as American Heart Month to draw attention to cardiovascular disease, which is one of the deadliest diseases in America. In fact, it is the single greatest cause of death in the country today, and the number one killer of women. There are several causes of heart disease: heredity, high cholesterol, tobacco usage, obesity, high blood pressure (hypertension), diabetes, lack of regular exercise, a high-fat diet or emotional stress.

In the interest of good health, we must make a special effort this month to recognize these causes of heart disease, and work hard to safeguard our heart, and our lives. We must focus on healthy lifestyles, including eating healthy foods, exercising regularly, and making a conscious effort not to smoke or drink excessively. For me, I try to go walking every morning, and as difficult as it is to pass up my wife's delicious red velvet cake, I grudgingly try to do so every now and then in the interest of a healthy diet.

The federal government is working to get the message out about heart disease. The National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute of the National Institutes of Health, the Department of Health and Human Services, and other national organizations such as the American Heart Association have joined together in a nationwide campaign called "The Heart Truth." This campaign aims to educate us about the sad truth that heart disease is the number one killer of women, and encourages women to learn about and protect themselves from cardiovascular disease. The national symbol for "The Heart Truth" is the red dress, which reminds women of the need to protect their heart health, and inspires them to take action. This Friday, Feb. 3, is National Wear Red Day, so wear red to show support for women's heart disease awareness.

Especially in El Paso, we need to be mindful of diabetes, which is one of the causes of heart disease. More than 80,000 El Pasoans suffer from this disease, and the El Paso Diabetes Association estimates that minorities are two times more likely to develop diabetes. I am a member of the Congressional Diabetes Caucus, and my colleagues and I have introduced several bills in Congress to help prevent, treat, and find a cure for this serious disease. One of these bills, HR 3641, the Minority Diabetes Initiative Act, specifically focuses on addressing the diabetes rate among minorities. This bill would require the Department of Health and Human Services to issue grants to public and nonprofit private health care providers to provide treatment for diabetes in minority communities. Through this bill, services would be provided in appropriate languages, and the organization receiving the grant must conduct outreach activities to ensure the community is aware of their services.

So while you're reaching for another helping of chili con queso while watching the Super Bowl on Sunday, try to keep in mind its affect on your heart, or how it could contribute to diabetes. It's something we should think about all year long, but especially during American Heart Month.

For more information about heart disease or "The Heart Truth" in English or Spanish, please visit www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/hearttruth/ or www.americanheart.org.

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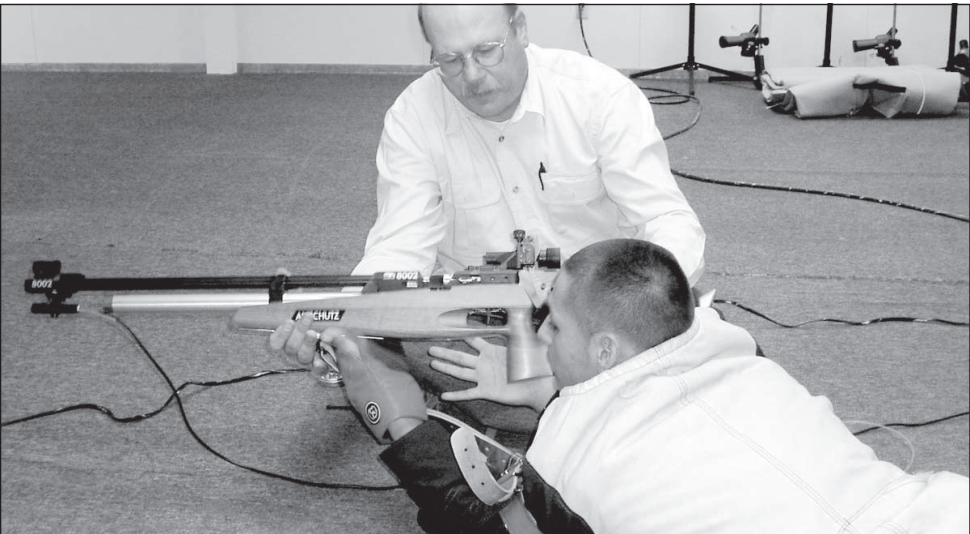
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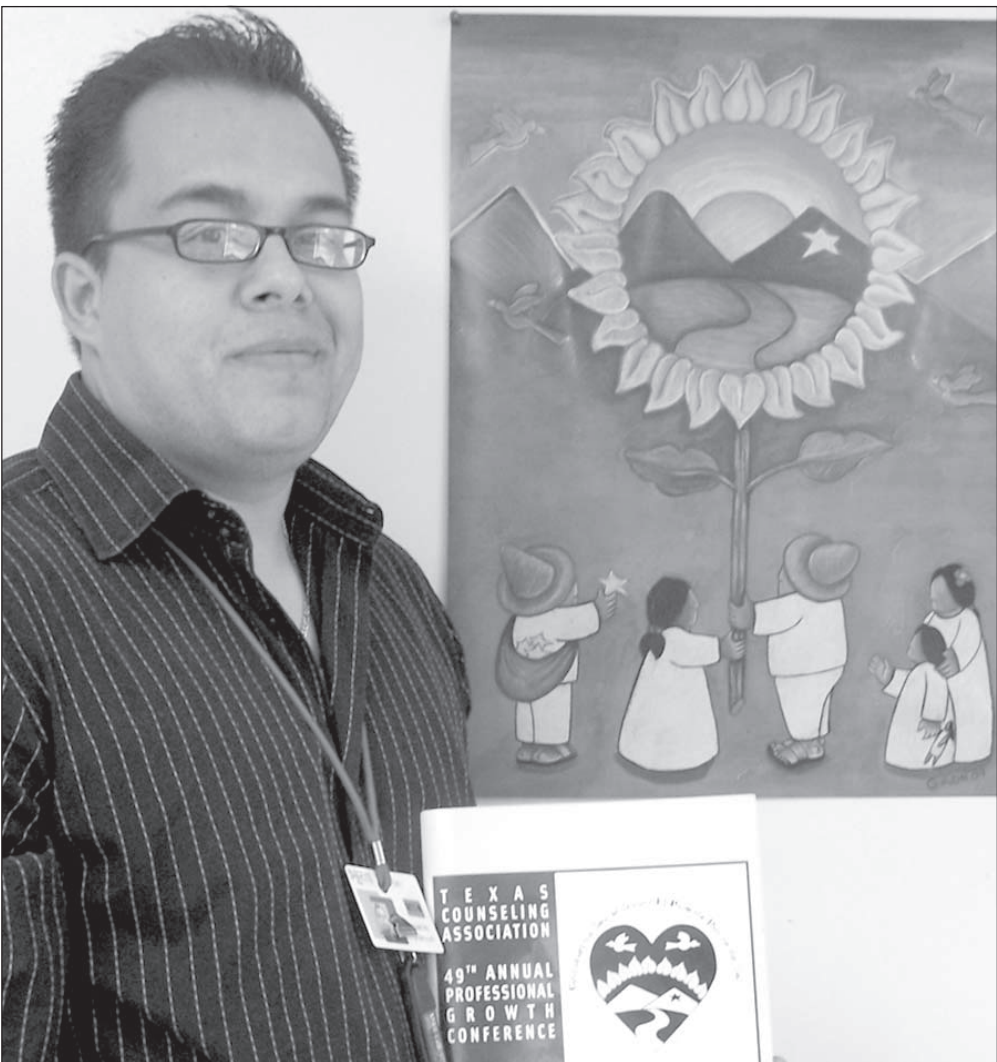
Hi-tech device helps Horizon Rifle Team



— Photo courtesy Clint ISD

HORIZON — JROTC Cadets from the Horizon High School Rifle Team were given a special clinic by National Champion Ron Zerr, a member of this year’s 2005 National Champion High Power Rifle Team, Team Creedmoor, which set a new national record. The full day clinic was given at the Horizon High School range. Zerr also brought a Russian computer training device to the clinic to help analyze each shooter. A laser on the rifle records how the shooter is holding the rifle both during and immediately after the shot. The information is fed to the computer to help determine the shooters capability and areas for improvement. The device definitively records steadiness of hold, breathing, and follow through. Cadets participating in this rare and valuable training opportunity included: Maria Lopez, Gabriel Ramos, Fernando Espino, David Espino, Albert Soliz, Jose Fernandez, Jose Ramirez. “The Horizon Rifle Team has earned awards this school year at the New Mexico Military Institute and Socorro High School. We intend to continue to improve this new team,” says Col. Ken Osmond, HHS JROTC Instructor and sponsor of the rifle team.

— Contributed by Laura Cade



— Photo courtesy Socorro ISD

Socorro Independent School District
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended August 31, 2005

Data Control Codes		Capital General Fund	Capital Projects 2005 Bond	Capital Projects 2004 Bond	Capital Projects	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:							
5700	Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 51,190,572	\$ 61,282	\$ 505,909	\$ 611,161	\$13,096,715	\$ 65,465,639
5800	State Program Revenues	154,638,178	—	—	—	20,646,181	175,284,359
5900	Federal Program Revenues	886,635	—	—	—	34,799,983	35,686,618
5020	Total Revenues	206,715,385	61,282	505,909	611,161	68,542,879	276,436,616
EXPENDITURES:							
Current:							
0011	Instruction	114,585,670	—	—	—	21,489,373	136,075,043
0012	Instructional Resources and Media Services	4,207,194	—	—	—	438,120	4,645,314
0013	Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	2,422,587	—	—	—	3,525,750	5,948,337
0021	Instructional Leadership	3,282,097	—	—	—	295,183	3,577,280
0023	School Leadership	11,157,693	—	—	—	106,927	11,264,620
0031	Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	7,037,233	—	—	—	1,128,169	8,165,402
0032	Social Work Services	1,052,018	—	—	—	227,868	1,279,886
0033	Health Services	2,050,281	—	—	—	449,383	2,499,664
0034	Student (Pupil) Transportation	5,686,659	—	—	—	63,886	5,750,545
0035	Food Services	—	—	—	—	13,389,927	13,389,927
0036	Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	6,737,347	—	—	—	14,445	6,751,792
0041	General Administration	5,771,816	—	—	13,554	143,513	5,928,883
0051	Plant Maintenance and Operations	23,286,990	—	—	—	321,197	23,608,187
0052	Security and Monitoring Services	3,897,942	—	—	—	58,619	3,956,561
0053	Data Processing Services	2,700,940	—	—	—	17,603	2,718,543
0061	Community Services	768,908	—	—	—	249,403	1,018,311
Debt Service:							
0071	Debt Service - Principal on long-term debt	1,399,061	—	—	—	10,768,728	12,167,789
0072	Debt Service - Interest on long-term debt	88,712	—	—	—	13,298,953	13,387,665
0073	Debt Service - Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	—	815,462	341,342	—	4,725,193	5,881,997
Capital Outlay:							
0081	Facilities Acquisition and Construction	7,982,141	129,788	9,436,782	17,323,095	500	34,872,306
6030	Total Expenditures	204,115,289	945,250	9,778,124	17,336,649	70,712,740	302,888,052
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	2,600,096	(883,968)	(9,272,215)	(16,725,488)	(2,169,861)	(26,451,436)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):							
7911	Capital-related Debt Issued (Regular Bonds)	—	86,225,000	24,720,000	—	82,865,000	193,810,000
7916	Premium or Discount on Issuance of Bonds	—	4,595,369	621,432	—	5,285,039	10,501,750
8949	Other (Uses)	—	—	—	—	(84,375,000)	(84,375,000)
7080	Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	—	90,820,369	25,341,342	—	3,775,039	119,936,750
1200	Net Change in Fund Balances	2,600,096	89,936,401	16,069,127	(16,725,488)	1,605,178	93,485,314
0100	Fund Balance — September 1 (Beginning)	40,540,211	—	—	27,466,193	8,422,708	76,429,112
3000	Fund Balance — August 31 (Ending)	\$ 43,140,307	\$89,936,401	\$16,069,127	\$10,740,705	\$10,027,886	\$169,914,426

PASS TO THE SOL — KEYS Academy instructional aide Jose Luis Giron, Jr. created the theme logo and poster for the Texas Counseling Association’s Annual Professional Growth Conference, hosted in El Paso Nov. 2-5.

Instructional aide rises as up-and-coming artist

By Carlos A. Briano
Special to the Courier

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — Jose Luis Giron Jr. has been etching his mark in the artistic world for nearly ten years, beginning when he was a student at Socorro High School. But according to the KEYS Academy instructional aide, demand for his work has really peaked.

“I’ve been really busy,” he says. “In the last few years, my art has really taken off.”

Giron’s paintings have been displayed in numerous exhibits throughout the Southwest, including the Hal Marcus Gallery and the GalerIa de Senecu, to name a few. His art, which has been described as an emotional outlet of expression, has earned him numerous awards. He has remained dedicated to his art, despite working a full-time job and going to college.

“I’m working on my Bachelor’s degree in History with minors in Secondary Education and Chicano Studies,” he says. “I plan on teaching in the 2007-2008 school year.”

Giron’s most recent accolade came via the Texas Counseling Association’s Annual Professional Growth Conference, hosted in El Paso Nov. 2-5. Giron created the conference logo and conference poster. The art embodied the conference theme of *Counselors: The Soul of Texas/El Paso: the Pass to the Sol*. The theme describes the mountains and sunshine as the heart and soul of El Paso, and Giron’s art illustrates that perfectly.

“I’m glad they chose my art for such a prestigious event,” he says. “But I’m still embarrassed by all the attention it has generated.”

Giron’s most recent works will be on display at La GalerIa de Senecu on Feb. 9 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The gallery is located at 8455 Alameda Ave.



— Photo courtesy Tornillo ISD

TISD IN WASHINGTON — TISD students and district sponsors pose in front of the Capitol Building in Washington, D.C.

Travel

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Colorado Springs where some of the students witnessed snow for the very first time. A visit to the Pikes Peak train station gave the kids opportunity to ride a sled down a small hill, another first for the students. They then boarded the Pikes Peak Cog Railway, which took the group to the summit of Pikes Peak.

The D.C. group of 19 students and six district sponsors flew to Baltimore on Jan. 17, spending five days and four nights seeing many of the sights such as the Capitol building, Arlington Cemetery, The Holocaust Museum, The Bureau of Engraving and Printing, several of the presidential monuments, and the various war memorials that pay homage to the brave men and women that have served this country over the years.

One of the highlights on the trip for many of the students was seeing the changing of the guard at Arling-

ton Cemetery. “This is definitely something that people need to witness for themselves. It’s such an enlightening experience,” said Tornillo High School student Maria Rodriguez. Summarizing the D.C. trip, Rodriguez opined, “It is one thing to read about these places in books, but once you get here and see them for yourself, it is an entirely different experience.”

This sentiment is shared by TISD Superintendent Paul Vranish. “Students who travel are more able to encounter opportunities to apply the information delivered through classroom instruction; particularly information about famous places as seen in school textbooks,” said Vranish. “It is much more fun to learn about a place that you have personally seen as contrasted to simply reading about it and seeing pictures in a class text.”

“The town seems smaller,” said THS student Vianney Olivas. That’s a realization the district hopes more students discover as it continues to provide and expand the travel opportunities afforded them.

“The Canutillo board of trustees and administration work hard to assure that taxpayers’ investments are wisely spent.

“Internal controls and monitoring,” she notes, “have resulted in the district earning a Superior rating in the Financial Integrity Rating System (FIRST) in Texas for each of the past four years. To achieve a Superior rating, districts must handle all resources including revenue from taxpayers responsibly.

“The Canutillo district has done and will continue to do so.”

District comptroller Tony Reza adds, “We have to remember that a growing school district has a higher cost-per-student figure because of the need to build schools to house additional students.”

He points out that 25 percent of district revenues come from local taxpayers. Fifty-six percent comes from state, and 19 percent from federal sources.

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will participate in a panel discussion on admissions and requirements and provide general agency on the Naval Academy, Westpoint Academy, Airforce Academy and the Coast Guard Academy. Students in 8th grade or above and their parents from all area schools are welcome.

■ “This is George. He lived in Africa. He was a good little monkey and always very curious.” With these words, H. A. and Margret Rey introduced the world to Curious George in 1941 and secured a place for him in the hearts of millions. He’s been the world’s most popular monkey for 65 years, and he shows no signs of slowing down. The El Paso Public Library invites children of all ages to fall in love once again with Curious George beginning Friday, Feb. 10. George will pay a very special visit in person to all El Paso Public Library branches for programs the whole family will enjoy. For more information, visit www.elpasolibrary.org or call your nearest branch library.

- Fri., Feb. 10, 1 p.m. at the Clardy Fox Branch, 5515 Robert Alva;
- Sat., Feb. 11, 11 a.m. at the Irving Schwartz Branch, 1865 Dean Martin;
- Sat., Feb. 11, 1 p.m. at the Dorris Van Doren Regional Library, 551 Redd Road;
- Sat., Feb. 11, 3 p.m. at the Cielo Vista Branch, 8929 Viscount;
- Tues., Feb. 14, 4 p.m. at the Lower Valley Branch, 610 N. Yarbrough;

- Wed., Feb. 15, 4 p.m. at the Memorial Park Branch, 3200 Copper;
- Thurs., Feb. 16, 11 a.m. at the Westside Branch, 125 Belvidere;
- Thurs., Feb. 16, 4:30 p.m. at the Armijo Branch, 620 E. 7th;
- Sat., Feb. 18, 11 a.m. at the Richard Burges Regional Library, 9600 Dyer;
- Sat., Feb. 18, 1 p.m. at the EPCC Northwest Campus, 6701 S. Desert Rd.; and
- Sat., Feb. 18, 3 p.m. at the Ysleta Branch, 9321 Alameda.

■ Four young men from El Paso County recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

- Navy Seaman Recruit Antonio Ramirez, son of Maria E. Venegas and Zeferino A. Ramirez, is a 2003 graduate of Clint High School.
- Navy Seaman Recruit Guillermo Canava, son of Martha and Guillermo Canava. Canava is a 2005 graduate of Clint High School.
- Navy Seaman Recruit Albert Ramirez, son of Lydia and Margarito Ramirez, is a 2004 graduate of Americas High School.
- Navy Seaman Daniel R. Gutierrez, nephew of Maria C. Morales, is a 2005 graduate of Americas High School.

During the eight-week program, these young men completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness and the practical application the core values of honor, courage and commitment.

■ Marine Corps Reserve Pvt.

Adrian Salas, son of Rachel M. Gamboa of El Paso, Texas, recently graduated from the Cannon Crewman Course while assigned with Marine Detachment, U.S. Army Field Artillery School, Fort Sill, Okla. Salas is a 2004 graduate of Socorro High School.

■ Marine Corps Pfc. Jason L. Payne, son of Julie Payne of Pecos, Texas and Larry B. Payne of Horizon City recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif. designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally. Payne and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps’ core values—honor, courage and commitment, and what the core values mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

■ The 2006 852-prefix telephone directory is currently under production. The telephone listings that appear in this directory are purchased from a professional listing service registered with the Federal Trade Commission, and therefore may not contain some numbers with the 852 prefix which are unlisted or are registered on a Do Not Call list. If your 852 prefix number has been registered on a Do Not Call List but you would like to have your number appear in this community directory, you must provide Homesteader News, Inc. with written authorization. If we receive your written authorization by Feb. 28, 2006 your number will be included. Please send authorizations to: Homesteader News, Inc., 15344 Werling Court, Horizon City, TX 79928.

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of the bond issue money will go toward making the new middle schools “equitable and comparable” in instructional facilities. This will include new classrooms and a new library.

“Having two middle schools,” points out Superintendent Dr. Pam Padilla, “will double the number of students who will participate in clubs, athletics, student government, and other activities that keep students engaged.”

“I’ve heard no open opposition,” says Gonzalo “Chalo” Garcia, longtime school board member and community leader. “I’ve sensed no opposition, nothing derogatory.”

He adds, “I don’t think it (bond issue) will fail.”

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An older, wiser Tiger is also a more dangerous Tiger

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

In most sports, athletes tend to slow down when they hit their thirties. The legs begin to slow, the eyesight isn't what it used to be and the body begins to expand a bit, making it hard to maintain that ideal weight.

In most sports, the age of 30 is like an imaginary line separating the best of an athlete's career and the decline of it.

In most sports this is the case, but not golf.

Golf is one of those sports where athletes begin to hit their peak in their thirties. In the PGA, golfers spend their twenties trying to figure things out and they spend their thirties cashing in.

And as scary as it may sound, guess who turned 30 recently — Tiger Woods.

It's absolutely frightening to think that Tiger Woods has just spent the last decade "learning" how to play golf.

But the apparent truth is that Woods may play better over the next decade than he did the last one.

Last Sunday provided us with a slight hint on what may be in store for the rest of the PGA's competitors over the next few years.

In his first event of 2006, the Buick Invitational, Tiger Woods struggled through the first two days and found himself seven strokes off the lead.

It took Tiger one day to shake off the rust, as he climbed to within a single stroke after three rounds.

On Sunday, Tiger ended regulation in a three-way playoff with Jose Maria Olazabal and Nathan Greene.

Guess what. Tiger beat out the other two to win the Buick Tournament for the fourth time

in his career (the only man to ever do that). Not too shabby — Woods goes out and wins his first major game as a 30-year-old.

When you think of it, the way he constantly stays in shape, it only makes sense that the best is still ahead of him. Tiger can only be smarter and wiser than he was — so that means more titles.

As for the rest of the PGA golfers, look at it this way — golfers do tend to slow down in their forties.

Who cares

I'm always proud when I see a person or a group fight for a cause. Especially when it's a cause that is so important, nothing else matters.

I mean some causes are just that important. They're just worth fighting for.

And that's why I'm *not* very proud of some of the warped minds at Texas A&M.

Seems some Texas A&M school officials are upset about something they feel pretty strongly about — the Seattle Seahawks referring to their crowd as the 12th Man.

Well, it seems the Aggies also refer to their fans as the 12th Man. And in the world of top-notch sophisticated sports teams, this is a no-no.

Apparently, it's like two women wearing the same dress to the Oscars.

Texas A&M officials have gone as far as to contact the Seahawks about the use of the term "12th Man" to describe their fans.

You see, A&M actually registered a trademark for the name 12th Man and, though they say it will be a last resort, the school has hinted they will sue the NFL franchise if necessary.

Now, I don't know about you but the whole thing reminds me of two elementary school kids fighting in the playground with neither one willing to give an inch.

Only this argument is much more childish.

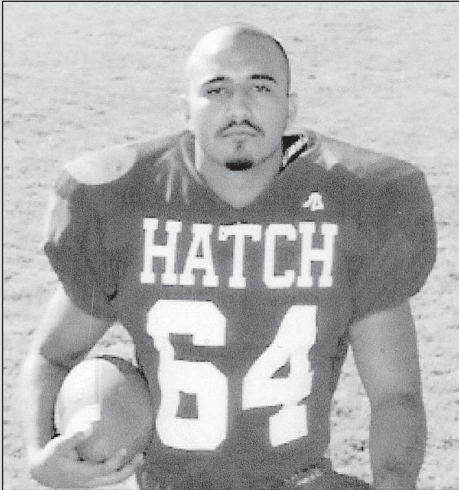
C'mon, Texas A&M, grow up. Is somebody trying to steal your witty bitty name? If I were you I'd worry about winning more football games instead of worrying about totally insignificant things like what another team calls its fans.

And by the way, didn't someone once ask: what's in a name?

Texas A&M shouldn't worry about other teams calling their fans the 12th Man. Texas A&M should concentrate on acting like men.


I know it's hard, Aggies, but let it go!

Peña named NM 2-AA Allstate Defensive Lineman



HATCH, N.M. — Miguel Peña, son of Mike and Merly Peña of Hatch, N.M. and Eva Peña of Alamogordo, was selected to play in the North-South Allstar Football Game in Silver City, and was named 2-AA Allstate Defensive Lineman in New Mexico. He plays for the three-time defending 2-AA New Mexico state champions, the Hatch Valley Bears. Miguel is the grandson of Fabens residents Virginia Peña, retired primary school teacher from Tornillo ISD, and Higinio Peña, retired administrator with Clint ISD, formerly principal at East Montana Middle School. The gifted young athlete plans to major in pre-dentistry at New Mexico Tech in the fall of 2006.

Canutillo student achieves All-state choir status



UPPER VALLEY — Bernny Apodaca, Canutillo High School junior and member of the CHS Choir, was recently selected as a member of the Men's All-State Choir. Apodaca auditioned in the local all-region competition and the pre-area auditions to qualify for the Area competition in Midland, Texas. Apodaca will perform with the All-State Choir in San Antonio, Texas in February. Each year students throughout public schools in Texas have the opportunity to audition and perform for this prestigious choir. "After years of non-participation, our students at Canutillo High School are finally competing in this important event. Their accomplishments are a testimony to the improvement of our music department," said Willie Adame Jr., CHS Choir Instructor.

— Contributed by Kim Guzman

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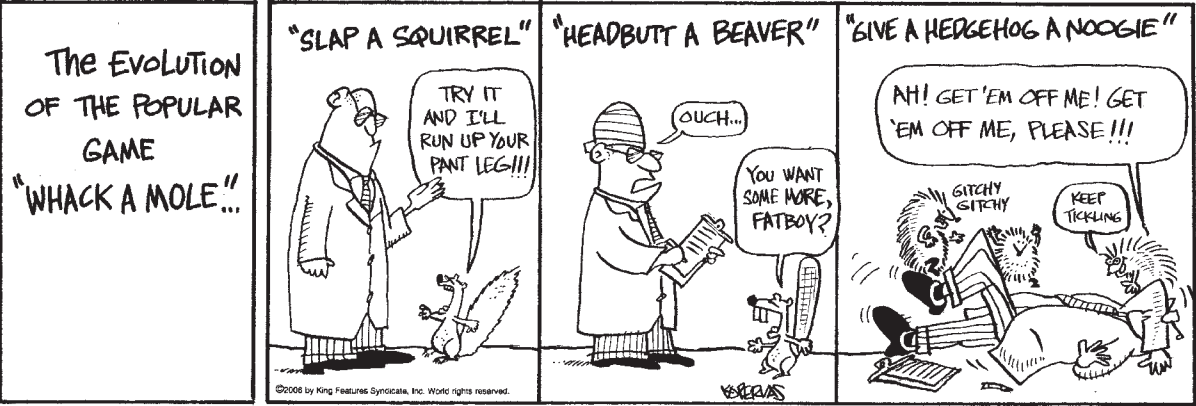
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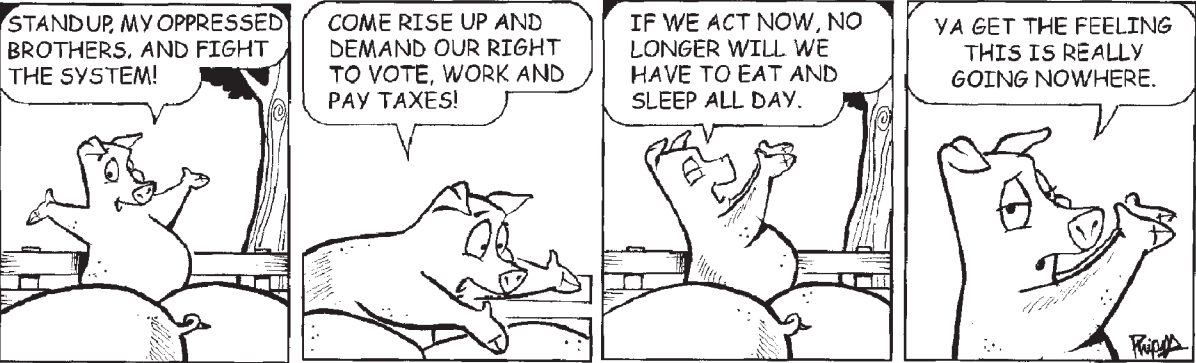
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We don't have a failure to communicate

By Don Flood

A recent report said the average employee spends an hour a day on personal Internet use.

This can mean only thing: your boss hasn't caught you yet.

And there's more bad news. According to a report from the International Telecommunication Union, computers will be using the Internet more than humans — to communicate with each other.

Our worst science-fiction nightmares are coming true! We build machines to serve us, but soon they're going to be spending their time surfing the Web, filling blogs with their idiotic machine opinions and downloading pictures of the hot new computer babe.

And that's just the beginning.

The ITU story says its report "goes further, highlighting refrigerators that independently communicate with grocery stores" and "washing machines that communicate with clothing."

Excuse me? Frankly, I don't want my refrigerator communicating with anybody — especially grocery stores. I might open the fridge and find nothing but brussels sprouts — all because the refrigerator and the grocery store got together and decided I needed to eat more vegetables.

The same with washing machines. If my washing machine starts communicating with my clothes, it's only a short time before they start talking about me behind my back.

When I put my clothes in the washer, I want them to concentrate on getting clean, not gossiping during the spin cycle about whether my butt has gotten bigger.

But now, my washing machine's going to know all about me. My clothes, especially my socks, will blab everything, and of course the washing machine has got a big

mouth, and from there — who knows?

Pretty soon every appliance from the can opener to the microwave will be discussing my personal business.

The center of this whole revolution is the cell phone, which started out, oddly enough, as way for people to speak with each other. Now it's a camera, computer, music player, close personal friend and more.

What's happening, for those of you out there who are less technically adept than myself, is called "convergence."

This means that soon your cell phone will serve not only as your camera, computer, etc., but also your lawn mower, electric toothbrush and, if you're a farmer, automatic milking machine.

Because of this wondrous technology, people can access a universe of entertainment that allows them, at any time of day or night, to be bored out of their minds.

That's right. Back in 1961, shortly after the fall of the Roamin' Empire, Newton Minow, chairman of the American Federal Communications Commission, made a name for himself by calling television "a vast wasteland."

(Back then you could still make a name for yourself with Captain Obvious statements like "The next pope will likely be a Catholic" or "The sun will be up first thing in the morning." Now, pretty much everything's been said.)

This was back when there were only five channels!

Now we have more than a hundred channels, all showing waste and bilge at a rate Minow never dreamed possible.

And I bet he didn't worry about washing machines talking with clothes, either.

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ACROSS

1 Big _

4 "Stop, sailor!"

9 James of "Misery"

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21 "F Troop" corporal

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24 Mid-size band

25 "Andrea _"

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34 Part 2 of remark

38 TV's "General _"

42 Like some sheep

43 Part of HOMES

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45 Senator Thurmond

47 "Waking _ Devine" ('98 film)

49 Wee serving

52 Composer Schifrin

54 Circus performer

57 Put on a pedestal

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64 Damage

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66 Baseball's Boudreau

68 Enchilada alternative

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80 Crank's comment

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84 Sundown, to Shelley

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88 "Love Train" group

91 Thick of things

95 Denizen

97 Geological phenomenon

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100 Comic Carvey

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105 Priest's robe

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114 Part 4 of remark

118 Well-informed

119 "So that's your game!"

120 Nonflowering plant

121 "The Addams Family" uncle

125 Does Little work

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9 Pres. Clinton, e.g.

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11 Actor's actor?

12 Irritate

13 Rigoletto, to Gilda

14 Actor Tognazzi

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16 Sharon of Israel

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20 "Tiny Bubbles" singer

23 Comics' "Andy _"

28 He gives a hoot

30 "- the fields we go ..."

33 Slangy sib

35 Ain't right?

36 Extensive

37 Toast start

38 Grapefruit serving

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46 Ditch under a drawbridge

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55 Acts like an ass?

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74 _ apso

75 Gray or Moran

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80 Candy quantity

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86 Belarusian city

89 Puppy protests

90 Withered

92 Downspout

93 Bank deposit? role

94 "Twelfth Night"

96 Spanish surrealist

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98 Happened again

102 Heal a rift

104 Eat in the evening

107 Right _ the bat

108 A hole near the sole

110 Allude (to)

111 Dundee denial

113 Loud laugh

114 Bet

115 "Pal Joey" author

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Social Security Q&A

By Ray Vigil

Q: I am a 61-year-old sales manager and am beginning to think about retirement — both for health and personal reasons. But with all of the financial advice available today, I still need help. Is it better financially to retire and get Social Security benefits at age 62, or to try and hang on at my job until I reach full retirement age?

A: Determining the best time to retire and collect Social Security benefits is a personal decision that needs to take into account a worker's financial resources, health, retirement

plans and other variables. The answer may be different for each individual, depending on his or her circumstances. However, everyone should understand just how the decision to retire at a specific age will affect Social Security retirement benefits.

Q: Will people who receive Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) be getting higher benefit payments this year?

A: Yes. Payment amounts will be going up this year, as a result of the

annual cost-of-living adjustment. This year's increase is 4.1 percent. That means the average payment for a retired worker goes up from \$963 to \$1,002. The average payment for a disabled worker goes from \$902 to \$939. The base federal payment for a person receiving SSI goes from \$579 to \$603 per month.

Q: I was born in 1935. I will be 71 years of age in April. I have been working for a school district for 21 years but I am planning on retiring in this year. I am told that when I retire my social security benefits will be reduced. Is this true? What can I do to receive my full social security benefit?

A: In order to qualify for social security benefits on your own social security record, you must have worked and paid into social security at least 10 years. If this is the case, since you are already full retirement age, you will receive your full benefits but if you do not have 30 years of coverage under social security, your benefits will be figured under a modified formula, Windfall Elimination Provision. If you are applying for social security benefits on your spouse's record, your social security benefits might be subject to Government Pension Offset. Two-thirds of the amount you receive from the Texas Retirement System; will be

offset against your spouse's social security benefits unless you meet one of the exceptions under recent legislation passed in 2004. If you are already receiving benefits and your social security benefits started prior to April 1, 2004, your last day of employment with the schools must be covered under both Texas Retirement System and Social Security.

For information visit your local Security office, see www.ssa.gov or call us at 1-800-772-1213. If you have questions that you would like to have answered, please mail them to the Social Security Office, 11111 Gateway West, Attn: Ray Vigil, El Paso, Texas 79935.

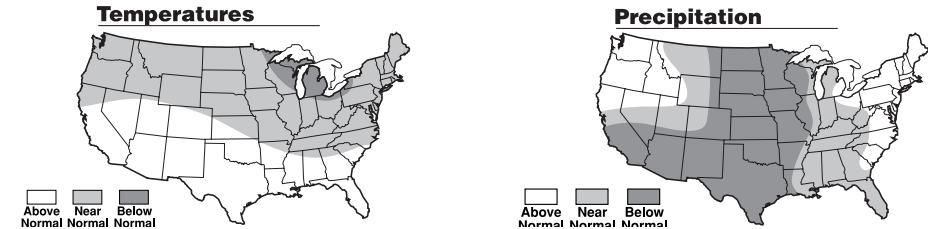
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Thu.	6:58 a.m.	5:41 p.m.	Thu.	9:43 a.m.	10:40 p.m.		
Fri.	6:58 a.m.	5:42 p.m.	Fri.	10:14 a.m.	11:46 p.m.	2/4	2/12
Sat.	6:57 a.m.	5:42 p.m.	Sat.	10:47 a.m.	none	Last	New
Sun.	6:56 a.m.	5:43 p.m.	Sun.	11:23 a.m.	12:51 a.m.		
Mon.	6:56 a.m.	5:44 p.m.	Mon.	12:03 p.m.	1:56 a.m.	2/21	2/27
Tues.	6:55 a.m.	5:45 p.m.	Tues.	12:50 p.m.	2:59 a.m.		
Wed.	6:54 a.m.	5:46 p.m.	Wed.	1:42 p.m.	3:57 a.m.		

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REGIONAL CITIES

	Thursday			Friday			Saturday			Sunday		
City	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W
Abilene, TX	74	45	s	61	40	pc	64	40	s	70	36	s
Albuquerque, NM	60	34	s	55	33	s	54	30	s	58	31	s
Amarillo, TX	63	34	s	53	30	pc	58	31	s	64	30	s
Austin, TX	78	51	pc	68	42	pc	66	42	s	70	47	pc
Brownsville, TX	86	64	s	85	59	pc	72	59	s	78	61	s
Dodge City, KS	59	29	pc	54	25	pc	53	26	s	50	24	pc
Jackson, MS	62	54	r	72	43	t	58	34	sh	56	41	s
Laredo, TX	87	60	s	82	56	pc	72	55	s	80	56	pc
Little Rock, AR	60	44	pc	61	34	t	51	33	pc	54	40	s
Lubbock, TX	73	32	s	58	24	s	60	26	s	68	31	s
Memphis, TN	54	47	r	59	37	t	52	33	sh	51	39	s
Midland, TX	76	41	s	64	39	s	65	38	s	75	36	s
Pueblo, CO	57	20	pc	42	14	pc	50	18	s	55	18	pc
Roswell, NM	77	34	s	62	34	s	68	30	s	70	30	s
St. Louis, MO	53	36	sh	48	29	sh	41	28	sf	49	31	pc
San Antonio, TX	77	52	s	72	46	pc	66	47	s	71	49	pc
Texarkana, AR	64	51	pc	57	40	t	50	41	pc	64	46	s
Waco, TX	73	48	s	65	42	pc	55	42	s	68	43	s
Wichita, KS	61	33	pc	52	25	pc	50	28	s	51	30	pc

U.S. CITIES

	Thursday			Friday			Saturday			Sunday		
City	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W	HI	LO	W
Atlanta	55	50	r	64	42	c	55	33	c	56	38	s
Boston	46	34	sh	46	36	sh	46	36	pc	41	26	r
Chicago	46	32	pc	42	24	sh	34	22	sn	30	16	sf
Denver	50	22	sh	37	16	pc	47	21	s	48	21	pc
Detroit	44	32	c	44	30	sh	36	24	sn	34	26	sf
Houston	78	56	s	70	48	pc	62	48	pc	70	52	s
Indianapolis	52	38	sh	46	28	sh	38	24	sn	41	29	c
Kansas City	55	31	pc	46	26	r	45	29	pc	46	30	c
Los Angeles	70	52	s	72	52	s	70	50	s	68	48	s
Miami	83	68	pc	82	69	sh	79	62	t	73	61	s
Minneapolis	38	20	sn	28	14	sf	24	10	pc	26	12	c
New Orleans	74	62	t	75	52	pc	66	47	pc	65	51	s
New York City	52	38	c	54	38	sh	48	34	r	42	33	r
Omaha	53	26	pc	42	18	pc	37	14	pc	40	22	pc
Phoenix	76	50	s	78	52	s	78	51	s	78	49	s
San Francisco	60	51	sh	63	49	pc	59	47	r	59	45	s
Seattle	49	40	sh	51	44	r	49	38	r	48	36	r
Washington	56	36	c	54	38	sh	54	38	r	44	32	r

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

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