



## NEWSBRIEFS

### Bank website alert

The El Paso Police Department's Financial Crimes Unit would like the public to beware of a false website identical to that of Chase Bank aimed at obtaining account information, according to spokesman Javier Sambrano. Citizens have received e-mails stating that they have to log into the website to which a link is provided in the e-mail. Once the citizen links to the website it will look almost identical to that of Chase Bank. If the citizen logs into this site it will take them to a form that requires the citizen to fill out their credit card information. If the citizen provides the information, the individuals that operate this website will then have everything they need to take the unsuspecting citizen's money or make purchases through their card. These could also be occurring with other bank websites and it is essential for citizens to never log into a website link provided on e-mail from a bank. Instead go to their website by typing their web address directly. The Financial Crimes Unit researched the site and learned that the site was from outside the United States. As a reminder any e-mail or site that requires information such as credit card numbers or bank account numbers or other personal information to verify should be looked at with caution, as typically banks will already have all your account information.

### Genealogy event

The San Elizario Genealogy and Historical Society will host its 15th Annual Conference on April 29. Area residents and visitors are encouraged to come and learn about the First Thanksgiving in America — in San Elizario, Texas. The event will begin with registration at L.G. Alarcon Elementary School Auditorium 12501 Socorro Rd. at 8 a.m., followed by a continental breakfast and an address from SEGHS President Irma Sanchez and Father Ed Carpenter. At 9:15 a.m. the first of two presenters on the First Thanksgiving, Dr. Marc Thompson, will be introduced, with the second, Nicholas Houser to follow at 10:30 a.m. At 11:30 a.m. a genealogy workshop will be hosted by Sam Roman and Lillian Trujillo with a display of pictures of pioneer families by Marta Garcia. Barbeque lunch will be noon to 1 p.m. Afternoon events will be held at Los Portales and Veteran's Plaza beginning with First Thanksgiving re-enactments by Mission Trails Association at a 1:30 p.m. At 2:30 p.m. there will be re-enactment by Los Desperados de San Elizario, and Danza Azteca Tlaneztica, Julio and Leticia Castro, will perform at 3:30 p.m. Arts and crafts booths by Native Americans, as well as other food, snacks, and refreshments will be available throughout the day. The public is invited to attend all the events, which are free of charge. RSVP requested

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*There is really no such thing as the "ladder of success." It's a greased pole.*  
— Quips & Quotes

## Students pitch in to keep El Paso beautiful

### Clint ISD student councils coordinate walk-out to clean up Ascención and help cancer victim

By Pauline Dominguez  
Special to the Courier

EASTMONTANA — While hundreds of El Paso area students walked out of school in political protest the last week of March, two area student councils were walking their way to a more tangible goal — a cleaner Texas Highway. On Saturday, April 1, the Mountain View High School Student Council and the Horizon High School Student Council collaborated to participate in the 20th Annual "Don't Mess with Texas" Trash-Off by cleaning up the stretch of roadway that divides — or perhaps unites — both communities, Ascención.

"Mr. Bob Navarro, from Serv-Pro, contacted Mrs. Jansen and myself with a challenge," said MVHS Student Council Sponsor, Elva Chávez. "He wanted both schools to divide the eight-mile stretch and to compete with each other to see who could pick up more garbage, but (it was) decided to make it a collaborative effort between the two schools."

Serv-Pro donated the bags, bottled water, gloves and hats for the students to use. At 8 a.m. the two student councils began on respective ends of Ascención vowing to meet at the middle. From hundreds of beer bottles to a dead cat in a bucket, the two groups filled up about 100 bags.

"People passed and honked at us and one lady actually stopped to ask us what we were doing. After I told her about our clean-up endeavor, she praised us for our hard work," said MVHS sophomore Alyssa Olivas.

In addition, to keeping their community clean on this windy and dusty day, the two councils had one more reason to wake up early on their day off.

"District 9 Association of El Paso Student Councils has been raising funds all year to send a terminally-ill 15-year-old boy to Disneyland and an added incentive was that Serv-Pro would make a donation of \$100 per school for participating in the clean-up effort," said Chávez.

The students made the decision to give their share to the Make-A-Wish Foundation to help send the boy and his family to Disneyland.

At the end of four long hours the two student councils shared a picnic lunch, promising to collaborate on many more community service activities.



PICKIN' UP — Daisy Martinez from Mountain View High School grabbed and bagged during the Saturday cleanup effort.

— Photo courtesy Clint ISD

### San Elizario students donate personal time to 'Don't Mess with Texas' campaign

By Phillip Cortez  
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO — This wasn't punishment, there was no promise of extra credit in store for the kids wearing the orange vests and picking up trash along stretches of Socorro Road, Saturday, April 1, 2006. And it wasn't an April fool's joke, either.

Rather, it was a serious effort by San Elizario High School and Garcia-Enriquez Middle School students to help maintain the community they live in, as they took part in The Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off, part of the partnership between Keep Texas Beautiful and the Texas Department of Transportation.

According to KTB.org, it is the single largest one-day cleanup event in the state where nearly 200,000 volunteers offer their time to keep Texas beautiful.

"Once you've gone out and picked up trash it makes you a bit more sensitive to littering," said Cookie Laffler, Student Activities Manager at San Elizario High School. The key, Laffler added, is that the more people actually volunteer, the more people will be concerned about littering.

"We just need to take care of what has been given to us," she said.

Random pieces of tire tread? Taken care of. Rusty bottle caps and shimmering broken glass? Not a problem.

The roughly 73 students representing the NJROTC, high school and middle school student councils, National Junior Honor Society, Mother/Daughter and Father/Son programs cheerfully stuffed it all into white trash bags, taking care of areas in front of both high school and middle school campuses.



TRASH DAY — Teresa Guillen was one of 73 students from San Elizario High School and Garcia-Enriquez Middle School to help pick up trash along Socorro Road.

— Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD

## Lake El Paso opens to the public with full slate of spring-time events

HORIZON — It has been known as Mountain Shadow Lakes, the Horizon Lake, and now, as Lake El Paso, this unexpected expanse of water shining in the desert valley east of Horizon City is again opening its doors to the community.

A series of special events will be held on Sunday, April 16, under the guidance of Lake director Jackie Rutledge, who is gearing up for that weekend with seemingly bottomless optimism and enthusiasm.

"The Lake is a great place for the community," he said. "We don't have near enough recreational areas for people in this area and Lake El Paso is a gold mine of opportunities for everybody."

"The children and the families need a place to go for special events and to learn to do things like play beach volleyball, fish and enjoy motorcycle racing and go-kart racing."

The "everybody" referred to by Rutledge includes opportunities for corporate sponsorships to help expand and develop the desert lake into a multi-faceted outdoor recreational area offering not only water sports, fishing and camping, but also motorcycle racing.

Rutledge said business and corporate sponsors can "own a piece" of the action via sponsorship of a canoe, boat or other recreational equipment installed at the Lake.

Rutledge and crew have planned a day-long slate of events April 16 to kick off the Lake El Paso's summer season. The day will dawn early with an Easter Sunrise Service at 6 a.m. under the Pavillion followed by a continental breakfast buffet.

Later that day, Patches the Bunny will

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# One perspective

By Francis Shrum

## Rule of law

I watched them stream down the sidewalk and into the street. A few of those in front were swinging Mexican flags and shouting unintelligible phrases in belligerent tones at the cars they were blocking. Police officers were in the street directing traffic to protect these high school students from injury.

As they passed my car window I searched their faces for signs of intelligent life. I didn't see much. After the first few "leaders" had passed, most of the followers weren't even shouting or marching. They were just laughing and shoving each other, jumping around like puppies who have found a way to crawl out from under the back yard fence — no idea where they were going or why, no idea what the consequences of their actions would be and caring even less. Just following that moment of impulse.

I was struck by how many of them were talking on their cell phones as they were carried along by the horde. I wondered if they were talking to others in the same river of students, perhaps only a few bodies back.

Or maybe they were ordering pizza.

Ask any of these glazed-eyed young people why they took self-proclaimed leave from school last week and if they can give you any intelligible answer at all, it will be something to the effect that they feel that their family members or other illegal immigrants with which they hold sympathy are entitled to enter this country and take part in all the blessings thereof without penalty.

Point well taken.

Except for one thing. This country is based on the rule of law. That means you have to come here according to the rules. Once you're here you have to keep them. Without rule of law you have chaos.

If you want to be a part of and enjoy the blessings of a nation based on those incredibly wonderful, yellowing pages of history hanging in Washington D.C., you have to accept that.

The only part of our laws that too many young people — and even some old ones — seem to accept with any gusto are those which give them "rights." They soundly ignore those parts that define other concepts that start with "r," namely, our responsibilities — especially for how our actions affect others.

Now, I want to make it clear that I'm not opposed to people who were born and raised in other countries coming to live in America. Those are the roots from which we all spring. Without immigrants, the place would basically be empty.

None of us still living are anything special in the "prior claims" department, so we can start from that standpoint. Where I get off is with people who believe that because the law isn't giving them everything they want — or doing it quickly enough — that somehow gives them special privilege to break the law.

There must be rule of law, there must be respect for it, and this truth has to apply equally to everyone.

Believe it or not, there are right ways to address laws — making them, keeping them and changing them. This process may be time-consuming, inconvenient and even expensive — but then so are the penalties for breaking the law.

I don't care if you are black, white, brown, orange, or purple with yellow polka dots or whether you have relatives across the border, in China, or on the moon, you don't have an automatic excuse to act outside the law with impunity. The rule of law is the single most important factor that keeps our country functioning in such a fashion that makes it terribly attractive to other people around the world — and isn't it why *we all* stay here?

Even the worst treatment in this country is light-years better than the best treatment in many others.

The sad thing about last week's class-ditching is that it was less a demonstration of political ideals by these young people as it was a demonstration of the lack of appreciation they have for the life-style this nation affords to them. They *expect* to be given a good education but feel justified in defying school authority. They *expect* protection by law enforcement from the traffic they impede but feel no inhibition against

openly showing disrespect toward their protectors.

And when they were penalized with truancy citations or suspensions because *they chose* to break the law, they whined about how unfair it was.

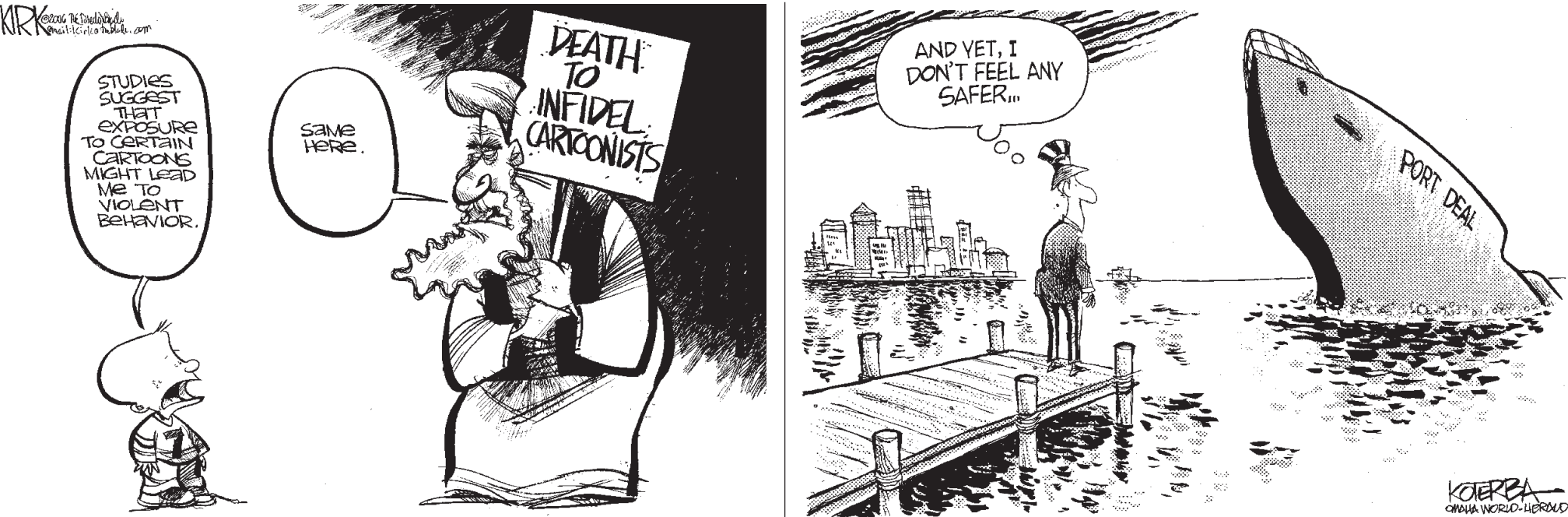
They want the rights without the responsibilities.

You might say that, since I've got more silver hair than black and a few more wrinkles and pounds than I enjoyed back in high school, I don't remember what it felt like to be young. Well, that's not true. I remember quite well that I pulled more than a few dumb stunts in my time. The main difference is that when I broke the rules I knew that it was wrong and when I got punished, I also knew that I deserved it.

The unfortunate truth I saw illustrated by the school walk-outs last week that brought these young people into the streets and onto the national news is that rule of law or respect for it had little or no place in their thinking. They were motivated by emotionally-charged, self-involved "truth" that they mistakenly believe justifies defying all authority, school or otherwise.

Think I'm being a little harsh?

Then tell me why they didn't do it on the weekend.



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By U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes

### Funeral protests inspire legislation

The men and women of the United States military who die while serving their country deserve to be buried with respect and dignity. The families of these courageous men and women also deserve funerals that allow them to say goodbye to their loved ones and mourn their loss in peace. However, organized protests have recently occurred throughout the United States at the funerals of soldiers killed while serving in our current military operations. Some protesters have even used signs that read "Thank God for IED's" and "Thank God for Dead Soldiers."

As a Vietnam veteran, a member of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee and the House Armed Services Committee, and simply as a human, I knew I had to do my part to end these senseless events. Over 100 such protests have been held, and whatever the reason for the protest, it is despicable to heckle families whose loved ones have died — under violent and stressful conditions — during their time of pain and mourning.

Along with my colleague Rep. Mike Rogers (R-Michigan) and other members of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee, I introduced legislation in the House of Representatives this past week to ensure that the families of those who have died serving our nation can hold dignified funerals for their loved ones. I serve as the lead Democratic co-sponsor of this bill, which is known as the Respect for America's Fallen Heroes Act. This legislation is narrowly tailored to protect military families from these verbal attacks, as well as protect our freedom of speech.

The Respect for America's Fallen Heroes Act would:

- Ban all demonstrations 60 minutes prior to and after funerals taking place at Department of Veterans Affairs' national cemeteries or the Department of Army's Arlington National Cemetery (the only areas over which the federal government maintains jurisdiction);
- Impose a 500-foot restriction on demonstrations at national cemeteries and Arlington National Cemetery;
- Allow for a civil infraction for violations, including monetary fines and/or jail time of six months to a year, as consistent with the authority granted to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs under current regulation; and
- Express the sense of Congress that all states should enact similar restrictions for state and private cemeteries, as well as funeral homes.

This bill has the support of the following Veterans Service Organizations: American Veterans (AMVETS), Disabled American Veterans, Fleet Reserve Association, Jewish War Veterans of the USA, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Veterans of Foreign Wars. Also, the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs in the House Veterans Affairs Committee already signaled that they will conduct a hearing on this legislation on April 6, 2006.

It is sad that such legislation is needed, but these protesters have been malicious and hateful to these families, who are bearing the brunt of this war. This bill is necessary to protect their peace and dignity during their time of great loss and personal tragedy.



# What’s up, doc? By Albert M. Balesh, M.D.

## Placebo Domingo

Can a glass of water cure? Can the power of suggestion be used to stop the human body’s inner demons dead

in their tracks? Pondering these matters on a peaceful Sunday afternoon makes for an uncomfortable work week to follow. Yet we had better hope that researchers are every bit as curious as ourselves, for their answers may one day provide the key to a defen-

sive arsenal that we never dreamed each and every one of us possesses. Placebo therapy, unlike an aging tenor’s vocal cords, is just not going away. Its original praises were first sung back in 1955, when a groundbreaking scientific paper reported a 32 percent response rate of patients to placebos. Nothing has changed in the last half century, with

clearly one-third of patients responding positively to therapeutic measures geared more toward their expectations than to proven physical alterations. Thoughts and beliefs are extremely powerful healers. They not only affect our psychological states, but also cause our bodies to undergo actual biological changes. VIVA the placebos! They have been employed with some success in medical conditions ranging from arthritis and enlarged prostates to multiple sclerosis and psychiatric disease. Placebo controls and sham surgeries have been performed in an attempt to gauge the effectiveness of experimental surgical procedures for Parkinson’s disease. In those studies, the efficacy of implanted fetal pig cells for Parkinson’s was compared to simple burr holes drilled into patients’ skulls in the absence of subsequent cell implantation. Like a heavy downpour on a Sunday holiday, however, placebos and placebo-controlled studies can reveal themselves to be much more than an inconvenience for a number of reasons. Before the sky clears, side effects, commonly known as the “nocebo” effect, may strike. Furthermore, in oncology, placebo-controlled studies, in which one group is administered an experimental anticancer drug and the other a placebo, are constantly debated and often unacceptable because of the risk they pose to the latter group by treatment delays. How would you like to be the one running those risks! Opposition to the use of placebo pills in medical practice, while in a constant state of flux, has a hardcore base. There are those who decry the deceit, inherent in the use of placebos, and the undermining of the sacrosanct trust between patient and physician. Others take a more legalistic approach, asking where it is all going to end. If placebos were to become the status quo in many cases, then how would we discourage and

prevent vineyards from bottling “placebo” vintages, museum curators from displaying masterpiece look-alikes, journalists from sanitizing the news, and congressmen from enacting extralegal activist bills? The slippery slope to chaos would gain momentum on soles made of placebo. Now, while there are circumstances in which benevolent deception may be warranted, for example, in cases involving patient insistence on medications that are unnecessary and risky, as often occurs on oncology wards, those same patients feel betrayed upon hearing that they were given a placebo. So, it appears that while we cannot live with placebos, we can certainly live without them. The essential questions still remain. Do placebos really work, and, if so, how so? Though definitive answers are not yet forthcoming, shades of gray are slowly but surely veering toward the opposite end of the color spectrum. We know that an inherent human potential to react positively to a healer exists, and that a patient’s stress can be reduced by doing something which might not be medically effective. That, coupled with the knowledge that stress can often trigger negative physiological reactions, has led many a “closet Einstein” to the simple placebic conclusion: cure the mind, cure the body. The proof is in your Sunday porridge. The symptoms of an enlarged prostate, for example, can be relieved by placebo tablets which, via a patient’s positive expectations of their benefits, can relax smooth muscle and subsequently increase urine flow by decreasing nerve activity affecting the bladder, prostate, and urethra. As aging opera divas grow hoarse and our placid day of rest comes to a halt, perhaps we can count on an inert elixir to stretch vocal cords and erase those Monday blues.

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# Por la Gente By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla



## Session calls for tax reform

Hola, mi gente. With a special legislative session just around the corner, scheduled to commence on April 17, 2006 to address Public Finance Education, I am reminded of the great importance which this issue carries. We must focus in providing an equal educational opportunity for every child in Texas. Education is the key to economic and social progress and the most important thing we can do to ensure a safe, secure, and a prosperous future. As you may be aware, The Texas Supreme Court has ordered the Legislature to revamp the tax system for public schools by June 1, 2006 or halt education spending. The court said the system, which caps local school property taxes for maintenance and operations at \$1.50 per \$100 valuation, amounts to an unconstitutional statewide property tax because so many school districts have reached the cap. Therefore, the governor appointed a special panel commission charged with devising a state tax system to relieve property taxes and properly fund public schools. The proposed plan developed by the Texas Tax Reform Commission calls it a fair plan, a real reform and moves to provide a \$5.9 billion to lower school property taxes to \$1.00 per \$100 of assessed value. The plans recommendation is to use one-quarter or nearly \$1 million dollars from the state’s surplus \$4.3 billion surplus and increase an additional \$1.00 per pack for cigarettes. It is coupled with a revised franchise tax that includes the following:

- A one-percent tax on the gross receipts of most businesses.
- One-half percent tax on gross receipts of retailers and wholesalers.
- Businesses could deduct from the tax base either compensation costs, such as benefits or salaries, or the costs of goods sold, such as the cost of machinery

needed to make their products.

- Sole proprietorships and general partnerships, which don’t receive the same liability protections as other companies, would be exempt.
- Businesses with less than \$300,000 in gross yearly receipts would be exempt.
- The commission states that under this plan the number of businesses paying the tax would double to nearly 300,000. Nonetheless, school districts would still have the discretion to raise local property taxes above set levels.

### The big concern

I recognize the commission’s efforts and work crafting a plan that can progressive and proactive in order to meet the court’s ruling. However, I join other Texans across our state with the following concerns the plan fails to address and equate:

- It fails to support a teacher pay raise and additional money for fast growing districts and classroom construction.

It dips into our surplus spending and looking at the next biennium to seek a \$2.8 billion appropriation to set the difference or make the balance.

- It doesn’t provide Texas working families a fair and real tax property cut.
- Overall, it fails to put in place a true formula with generating funding formulas in order to fund public education in Texas.

I agree and stand by with all those Texans that agree real property relief is overdue. However, we cannot forget our important key issue is to fund and improve our Texas public schools. This special session I believe we must address both sides of the problem.

With this said, I assure you that I will continue working for the benefit of every Texan. Your friend and public servant, Chente por La Gente.

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

## Avian flu: Fact vs. hype

Reports of avian influenza have spread across the globe, fanning the fears of many and causing headline-hungry media outlets to use terms such as ‘pandemic.’ There have been claims that the disease is expected to strike the U.S. by the close of 2006. But what is the truth? As Chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, I and my colleagues are working to prevent the spread of this virus in order to protect our citizens and our poultry industry. There is a clear distinction between avian influenza and a pandemic form of human influenza. Avian influenza, including the H5N1 strain currently found in other parts of the world, is a disease that primarily affects birds, and is extremely difficult for humans to contract. Pandemic flu, still hypothetical at this time, would require the mutation of a virus into a strain highly communicable from humans-to-humans. In this column, I am discussing the animal disease. There have been no reports of the H5N1 strain of avian influenza having been transmitted human-to-human. For the avian flu virus to infect a human there must be prolonged exposure to the virus carrier. In other words, a situation where chickens are living under the same roof as humans

is the basic recipe for human contraction of the avian flu virus. Texas is one of the premier agriculture and ranching states in the country. It is no stranger to coping with diseases. In 2004, there was an outbreak of a different, but highly pathogenic, strain of bird flu. This outbreak was successfully contained through a combination of quarantining and humanely destroying infected birds. There are also several preventative measures that you can take to avert the spread of the avian influenza virus as well as many other diseases. Common sense is your best weapon. You should always make sure that your poultry is fully cooked which kills most bacteria and viruses, including the Avian Influenza H5N1 virus strain. Secondly, you should never handle dead birds. Wash your hands thoroughly after handling any animal and always wear a mask to prevent infected particles from being inhaled or ingested into your body. Bird droppings are the most common method of transmission of the avian flu to humans. Research proves that almost all recorded cases of the avian influenza result from humans living in very close proximity to fowl. The U.S. Department of Agriculture, in conjunction with other gov-

ernment agencies, has been tracking the migration of birds from Asia to Alaska. The concern is that in Alaska, birds from Asia will come into contact with birds that have migrated north from the United States and Canada. These birds would then return south, bringing the avian flu virus to North America. Our nation’s poultry farmers and industry experts continue to keep a watchful eye on this issue. Our commercial poultry is raised entirely indoors to ensure they are not exposed to outdoor birds. These birds are tested on a regular basis. And the vast majority of the U.S. commercial chicken companies are testing every single flock of chickens for dangerous strains of avian influenza before the flocks go to processing. If a flock were to test positive, meat from those birds would not enter the marketplace. Thanks to the diligent work of our agricultural and food safety agencies, our nation’s food supply will remain safe. We are so lucky to live in a country with the resources to monitor and prevent the spread of dangerous diseases. Go ahead, ring that dinner bell.



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# Trip of lifetime sparks global interest and a little ‘high anxiety’

By Don Woodyard  
Courier Staff Writer

ANTHONY — Spring break traditionally has been the time in which students have kicked back and relaxed, taking a welcome respite from academic activities.

Not so for a small group of students, teachers and parents in the Anthony Independent School District.

Rather than basking on the beckoning beaches of the Florida or Gulf coasts, they had their sights set on European shores.

Fifteen AISD students and nine adults packed up March 14 for a one-

week guided, educational tour of Rome and Paris.

Roseanne Lara and Danny Magana, English teachers at Anthony High, were co-leaders of the trip. Seven parents also took the trip which cost about \$2,000 per person. There was only one fund-raiser and that was for incidental expenses on the trip. Parents dug deep to provide the majority of the money needed for their children’s trip. One girl even sacrificed money set aside for her quincenera to pay for her trip.

“As an English teacher, each year my students and I travel around the globe, meet different cultures, and make interesting fictional friends,”

Lara said in a memo to school district Superintendent Vern Butler in which she outlined plans for the trip.

“And generally, what we find is that other cultures and peoples are more like us than different.”

She emphasized the primary importance of the trip is not sightseeing, but rather as a learning experience through the exposure to these other cultures.

Thus, vicarious trips became a real trip, meeting real people and personally seeing real historic sights that had been previously viewed only in history books.

“I feel I helped the students to see the world — to become life-long learners,” she said. And, echoing her memo to

Butler, added, “to see how similar we are to other people around the world.”

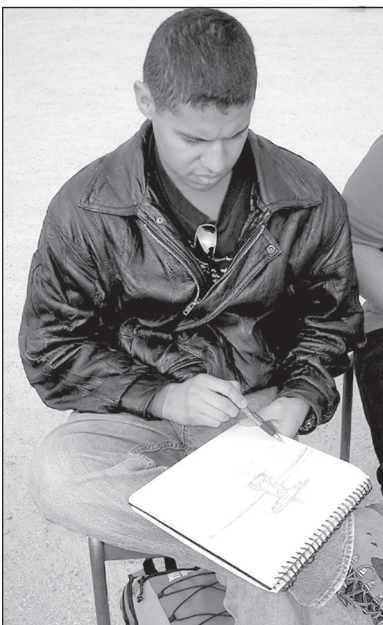
Rome, “bella Roma,” as the tour guide brochure described it, was the first stop on the eight-day odyssey. In addition to the primary cities of Rome and Paris, there were additional excursions to Florence, Pompeii and the Bay of Naples. After their guided visits in Italy, there was an overnight train trip to Paris.

Two students, juniors Raquel Jaquez and Saul Salcedo, reflected on their journey during which they and fellow students viewed the Colosseum, the Sistine Chapel and the Pantheon in Rome plus Notre Dame, the Arc de Triomphe and Eiffel Tower “lit up and sparkling” in Paris.

The sights were not entirely Old World. A McDonald’s restaurant in Paris came in for a mention along with the museums and Venus de Milo statue.

“Everything was new and interesting — very impressive,” Jaquez said. “I enjoyed every little moment.” She said the trip was the beginning of fulfilling a dream, to see the world. “It opened my eyes,” she added. “It met all of my expectations.”

She found that being of Hispanic



— Photo courtesy Anthony ISD

**EYE TO HAND MEMORIES — Saul Salcedo takes time out from touring to sketch the sights.**

heritage had its advantages. Speaking Spanish, a Romance language with common roots as Italian, had an unexpected benefit, she found out when she was buying an ice cream

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## PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF CLINT, TEXAS

### FAIR HOUSING STATEMENT

The Town of Clint hereby declares its support of fair housing practices. It is hereby declared to be the policy of the locality to bring about, through fair, orderly, and lawful procedures, the opportunity of each person to obtain housing without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sex, national origin, physical or mental handicap, marital status, parenthood, or age.

It is further declared that such policy is established upon the recognition of the inalienable rights of each individual to obtain housing and further, that denial of such rights is detrimental to the health, safety, and welfare of the inhabitants of the locality and constitutes an unjust denial or deprivation of such inalienable rights which is within the power and the proper responsibility of government to prevent.

The locality has a Fair Housing Policy that may be examined and copied by interested groups or individuals during office hours. The month of April has been proclaimed “Fair Housing Month”; copies of the official proclamation are available at the Clint Town Hall between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday.

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Dale Reinhardt  
Mayor

West Texas County Courier  
April 6, 2006

## Briefs

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at 851-1682 or e-mail sanelizario@sbcglobal.net if you plan to eat lunch.

### In other news

■ Roman Estrada, Canutillo High School senior, has been selected to receive a \$1,000 scholarship by the Senior All Star Bowl Association. The award is in recognition for his participation in the 14th Annual All Star Football Classic that was held in the Sun Bowl in December. Estrada has been a three year starter for the CHS varsity football team and was selected first team all District Defensive Back for the 2005 season. Estrada also played most of his senior season with a broken arm and served as one of the captains during his senior season. Kathleen Norris, also a Canutillo High School senior, has been selected to receive a \$1,000 scholarship by the Senior All Star Bowl Association having also participated in the 14th Annual All Star Football Classic as a cheerleader. She has been a cheerleader since the 7th grade and is currently the captain of the team. She has shown great leadership capabilities by being an excellent role model and is ranked among



Roman Estrada



Kathleen Norris

the top ten students in her class. Norris has served as a class officer including Secretary and President. She was chosen as “Big” of the year with her participation in the Big Brother/Big Sister program last year. Her future plans involve majoring in Public Relations at Texas State University at San Marcos.

■ The El Paso Lions for Vision is providing eyeglass prescriptions for 140 school children this year who could not otherwise afford them thanks to a grant from the Robert and Mabel O’Connor Lipscomb Foundation. “The El Paso Lions for Vision wants to thank the foundation and J.P. Morgan Chase Bank for making this possible,” said Don Davisson, president.

■ Navy Seaman Recruit Isaac Guevaramarquez, son of Maria L. and Luis A. Guevara of El Paso County, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. During the eight-week program, Guevaramarquez learned naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety with an emphasis on physical fitness. Guevaramarquez is a 2002 graduate of Socorro High School.

■ Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Ramon Torres, son of Rita and Ramon Torres of San Elizario; Navy Airman Eric Enriquez, son of Micaela Burciaga and Marco A. Enriquez of El Paso; and Navy Seaman Vanessa B. Dehesa, daughter of Sandra and Jesus A. Dehesa of El Paso, and their fellow shipmates are deployed with the crew of the aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan, homeported in San Diego. Their unit made port visits to United Arab Emirates and Australia, participated in

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— Photo courtesy Anthony ISD

**MOMENT IN TIME — Raquel Jaquez stands on shore of the Bay of Naples during eight-day tour.**

## Trip

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cone in Rome. “If you speak Spanish,” she said, “they treat you better.” She pointed out that she “loved everything,” but with one notable exception. “The traffic was horrible.” Of Paris, she noted simply, “It was wow!” Asked if she would do it again, she quickly added, “In a heartbeat.”

Salcedo said he’d always wanted to do this. “I have developed a love for art.” He said he was eager to go to The Louvre and see the *Mona Lisa*. “How cool is that!” he said. Salcedo took an artist’s pad with him in which he sketched notable sights such as the fabled Trevi Fountain in Rome. The trip also lived up to all of Lara’s expectations — and more, although she admits to “high anxiety” at times as she and the other adult leaders strove to ensure that the students were safe.

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the United For Reading Program and conducted maritime security operations (MSO) in the Western Pacific. The United For Reading Program allowed Sailors to read books to their children on video tape or DVD, and mail it home. Enriquez is a 2005 graduate of Americas High School and Dehesa is a 2003 graduate of Americas High School .

■ Mold, carbon monoxide, radon can all be in indoor air. Use the checklist in “Indoor Air Hazards Every Homeowner Should Know About” from the Environmental Protection Agency if you think you have an indoor air quality problem. Follow the room-by-room assessment to get rid of molds, carbon monoxide, radon, asbestos, and more. For your free copy, call toll-free 1 (888) 878-3256 and ask for Item 593N. Or send your name and address to the Federal Citizen Information Center, Dept. 593N, Pueblo, CO 81009. Visit <http://www.pueblo.gsa.gov> to place your order online or to read or print out this and hundreds of other FCIC publications for free.

■ One out of every three teenagers aged 12 to 20 consumes alcohol. Help them say “no” to alcohol with a new, free package of brochures from the Federal Citizen Information Center, developed by the Century Council and Nickelodeon. *Ask, Listen, Learn — Kids and Alcohol Don’t Mix* is a new program which includes two brochures-one specifically designed for kids and one for parents. *How to Talk to Your Adolescent About Alcohol* gives tips on having an ongoing dialogue with your kids. *What You Don’t “NO” Can Hurt You* educates children about the dangers of underage

drinking. Trivia cards and interactive games help them better understand the dangers of alcohol. There are three ways to get your free package: Send your name and address to the Federal Citizen Information Center, Kids and Alcohol, Pueblo, Colorado 81009. or visit <http://www.pueblo.gsa.gov/rc/n36kidsandalcohol.htm> to place your order online or to read or print out these and hundreds of other federal publications for free; or call toll-free 1 (888) 878-3256, weekdays 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Eastern Time and ask for Kids and Alcohol. Get even more information and take advantage of federal online resources at <http://www.FirstGov.gov>.

■ The annual Miss El Paso USA/ Miss El Paso Teen USA Pageants will be held on April 14-15 at the El Paso Convention Center. The preliminary competition will be held Friday, April 14 at 8:00 p.m. and includes the announcement of Miss Congeniality and Best Swimsuit. The final show and competition will be held at 8 p.m. on Saturday, April 15 and includes the announcement of the top 15 contestants and the winners. Both nights will be hosted by Nichole Ayoub and other T.V. celebrities. The show will also feature special guest, Miss El Paso USA 2005-2006, Shivan Miller, and Miss El Paso Teen USA Vanessa Pena. About 81 contestants from the greater El Paso area will compete in interview, swimsuit and evening gown competitions to win approximately \$10,000 in prizes and scholarships. They are also competing to win the chance to represent the El Paso area in the Miss Texas USA or Miss Texas Teen USA pageants, which lead to the two most prestigious pageants in the world, MISS USA and MISS TEEN USA, televised nationally on NBC. Tickets are now on sale. Contact Laura Rayborn at 845-2894 or 479-3243 for more information.

## Lake

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arrive to paint bunny faces and make bunny balloon ears for the kids. A benefit barbeque, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., will be accompanied with music by Beyond the Stars. A big beach Easter Egg hunt for the kids, ages up to 12 years will kick off at 2 p.m. while those with racier tastes can stroll over to the Demolition Derby. Drivers and cars are invited to participate in the Demolition Derby. Cash prizes and trophies will be awarded to winners. Pre-registra-

tion is required no later than April 10 by calling 852-2051 or 852-3382. After 7 p.m. call 852-8942. The Orgullo Mariachi Band De El Paso will perform at the Pavillion between 3-5 p.m., followed by grand prize and door prize drawings — you must be present to win. Gate charge for Lake El Paso is \$7 adults, \$3 children 12 to 6 years, and kids under six free. The charge covers the whole day and all events. The military will receive a \$2 discount with military I.D. Rutledge said natural resources at Lake El Paso can and should be utilized to benefit the youth of the county. Toward that end, he is also planning that National Arbor Day

will become a whole week at the Lake, April 24-28, when area schools and children’s organizations are invited to a tree planting event. A forest ranger will be on hand to instruct the children in proper planting and care for trees. Children participating will receive a certificate and a future pass into the Lake for them and a parent so they can come back and check on the tree they helped plant, which will be identified with their name. Schools and parents are encouraged to make reservations early for class, organization or individual to insure plenty of trees are available to plant. Call 852-2051 or 852-3382 for details.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### TOWN OF ANTHONY, TEXAS

#### FAIR HOUSING STATEMENT

The Town of Anthony hereby declares its support of fair housing practices. It is hereby declared to be the policy of the locality to bring about, through fair, orderly, and lawful procedures, the opportunity of each person to obtain housing without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sex, national origin, physical or mental handicap, marital status, parenthood, or age.

It is further declared that such policy is established upon the recognition of the inalienable rights of each individual to obtain housing and further, that denial of such rights is detrimental to the health, safety, and welfare of the inhabitants of the locality and constitutes an unjust denial or deprivation of such inalienable rights which is within the power and the proper responsibility of government to prevent.

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Art Franco  
Mayor

West Texas County Courier  
April 6, 2006



# George Mason University gave all basketball fans a thrill

By Steve Escajeda  
*Special to the Courier*

In the fairy tale, Cinderella gets her stuff together just before the stroke of midnight. She has a great time at the ball and eventually wins the ultimate prize by getting hooked up with the guy of her dreams.

You know, it’s one of those “happily ever after” kind of stories.

This year we had another Cinderella make it to the big dance.

This Cinderella had to battle a number of bigger, badder and uglier stepsisters under the basket and from beyond the 3-point arc.

But alas, the clock struck twelve at about six o’clock last Saturday evening for the 2006 version of Cinderella. And although it didn’t end up as one of those “happily ever after” stories, it is a story that will be told for decades to come.

George Mason University lost to the Florida Gators in a game that was never in doubt. It was the first time in the tournament that George Mason looked like a team who didn’t deserve to be on the same court with one of those bigger schools.

But wasn’t it a great ride?

I mean, think about it. With all the bantering back and forth about the illegal-immigrant situation in this country, and the long-standing arguments about the war in Iraq, and the immature daily bickering about our differences in race, this team brought us all together.

For one day we were all on the same page, we were all George Mason fans.

I can’t think of another mid-major who made it this far in the tournament since our own Texas Western did it in 1966. Their victory over big boy Kentucky, and don’t forget a win in the tournament over Kansas, shows how difficult it is for the little guy to win it all.

And yet, little Texas Western won it all.

In this day and age, it’s almost impossible for many little teams to get into the tournament, let alone win it. But the success of George Mason should open the doors for other little guys with the same kind of dreams.

Near the end of the movie *Hoosiers*, one of the players tells his teammates, “let’s win this game for all the little schools that never got a chance to get here (to the championship game).”

I don’t know when we’ll see another small team get all the way to the final four, but some day, just like back in 1966, some small school will shock the world of college basketball by putting on that glass slipper and finishing the season happily ever after.

## Who’s the MVP?

We’re nearing the end of the NBA regular season and the time to pick an MVP will soon be at hand.

The Most Valuable Player has traditionally been the best player on the best team. But this year’s best team is the Detroit Pistons, and the Pistons play the worst kind of basketball to pick an MVP from — they play team basketball.

Many people believe the best player this year has been the Lakers’ Kobe Bryant, mostly on the strength of one game, his 81-point effort earlier this season.

Though Bryant leads the league in scoring, it’s no secret that other than taking 30-40 shots per game, he doesn’t do a whole lot to help his team win.

The Lakers have languished at around .500 the entire season so Bryant’s points haven’t exactly led to wins.

There’s one big misconception though that puts the debate to rest.

Kobe Bryant isn’t even the best player this year, and I can prove it.

When you add up all the offensive categories like points scored, rebounds, assists, steals and blocks, and then subtract a negative stat like turnovers, the winner is not Kobe Bryant.

The Most Valuable Player this year is LeBron James. Not only does he score higher than Kobe in these total stats, he also has 20 double-doubles and five triple-doubles this year. Kobe has four double-doubles and no triple-doubles.

When you throw in the fact that LeBron’s team, the Cleveland Cavaliers are 15 games over .500, there’s little doubt who’s had the greatest impact on his team.

Even the younger James’ demeanor is more impressive than Bryant’s. Kobe has received 14 technical fouls to LeBron’s six.

I don’t know who’ll win this year’s ego trophy but if I had a vote, I’d vote for the best player, who is also the most valuable to his team — LeBron James.

To ADVERTISE  
CALL 852-3235

## Classified Ads

### LEGAL

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO SELL FACILITIES AND TRANSFER THE CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY (CCN) OF R.H. BROWN TO BRUCE BONESTROO AND TO AMEND A CCN IN EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS**

Gentlemen:

R.H. Brown, Box 1288, Canutillo, Texas 79835, has submitted an application with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to sell facilities and transfer a CCN to provide water utility service in El Paso County to: Bruce Bonestroo, Box 1929, Anthony, N.M. 88021.

The transferee has also requested to amend a CCN in this application. The sale is scheduled to take place as approved by the Executive Director (V.T.C.A., Water Code §13.301). The transaction and the transfer and the transfer of an CCN include the following subdivisions: Vinton Village Estates, Villa Alegre

Estates, Vinton Hills, Rancho Estancias.

The area subject to this transaction is located approximately 16 miles north northwest of downtown El Paso, Texas and is generally bounded on the north by Valley Chili Rd.; on the east by I-10; on the south by Chicken Farm Rd.; and on the west by SR 20. The total area being requested includes approximately 350 acres and 263 current customers.

This transaction will have the following effect on the current customer's rates and services: There will be no changes in rates or services.

Affected persons may file written protests and/or request a public hearing within 30 days of this notice.

To request a hearing, you must state (1) your name, mailing address and daytime telephone number (2) the applicant's name, application number or another recognizable reference to this application; (3) the statement "I/we request a public hearing";

(4) a brief description of how you, the persons you represent, or the public interest would be adversely affected by the proposed transaction and transfer of the CCN; and (5) your proposed adjustment to the application or CCN which would satisfy your concerns and cause you to withdraw your request for a hearing. Only those persons who submit a written request to be notified of a hearing will receive notice if a hearing is scheduled. The Executive Director will issue the CCN requested in the referenced application unless a hearing is scheduled to consider the transaction. If no protests or requests for hearing are filed during the comment period, the Executive Director may issue the CCN 30 days after publication of this notice.

Persons who wish to protest or request a hearing on this application should write the:

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Water Supply Division Utilities and Districts Section, MC-153 P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087

R.H. Brown  
Utility Rep.

Water Systems:

Vinton Village  
Estates

Villa Alegre  
Estates

Vinton Hills  
Utility Name(s)

WTCC: 03/30/06  
and 04/06/06

**Advertisement and Invitation for Bids for Construction**

The Town of Clint, Texas will receive sealed bids for construction of the Water Main Replacement and Transmission Facility Improvements (Office of Rural Community Affairs/T.C.D.P. Contract No. 724171 until 4:00 p.m. on April 20, 2006 at the Town of Clint located at 200 N. San Elizario Rd., Clint, Texas 79836 and at that time and place will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Bids are invited for several items and approximate quantities of work as follows:

- 2,200 linear feet of 12-inch approved water pipe,
- 5,450 linear feet of 8-inch approved water pipe,
- 60 linear feet of 24-inch steel casing installed by open-cut method,
- 95 linear feet of 24-inch steel casing installed by jacking/boring methods,
- 270 linear feet of 2-inch high density polyethylene tubing installed by jacking/boring methods,
- 13 fire hydrants,
- 75-3/4-inch residential service connections,
- Associated valves and fittings,
- 3,250 square yards of pavement removal and repair.

Bid/Contract Documents, including Drawings and Technical Specifications will be available April 10, 2006 at The Town of Clint, 200 N. San Elizario Rd., Clint, Texas 79836.

Copies of the Bid/Contract Documents may be obtained by depositing \$65.00 with the Town of Clint, Texas for each set of documents obtained. The deposit will be refunded if the documents and drawings are returned in good condition within 10 days following the bid opening. Plans and specifications for this project were prepared by CEA Engineering Group, 1204 Montana Ave., El Paso, Texas 79902.

A bid bond in the amount of 5 percent of the bid issued by an acceptable surety shall be submitted with each bid. A certified check or bank draft payable to the Town of Clint or negotiable U.S. Government Bonds (as par value) may be submitted in lieu of the Bid Bond.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than, the federally determined prevailing (Davis-Bacon and Related Acts) wage rate, as issued by the Office of Rural Community Affairs and contained in the contract documents, must be paid on this project. In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for em-

ployment are not discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex age or national origin.

The Town of Clint reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informality in the bidding.

Bids may be held by Town of Clint for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the bidders' qualifications prior to the contract award.

All contractors/sub-contractors that are debarred, suspended or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation on federal assistance programs may not undertake any activity in part or in full under this project.

The Town of Clint is an Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action Employer, Small, Minority and Female owned firms are encouraged to submit bid proposals for this Project.

Dale T Reinhardt  
Mayor  
WTCC: 04-06-06

**FABENS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Invitation to Bid/Respond:**

Sealed bids for Waste Disposal Service, Bid No. 032706-051, addressed to Mr. Gil-

bert Alarcon, Fabens Independent School District, 821 NE "G" Avenue or P.O. Box 697, Fabens, Texas 79838, will be received at the above address until 10 a.m. Thursday, April 13, 2006, at which time they will be publicly opened. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained by calling (915) 764-2025. Proposals are also available at the Faben ISD website: [www.fabensisd.net](http://www.fabensisd.net). WTCC-04/06/06

**SOCORRO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Invitation to Bid/Respond:**

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

**FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 2006**

**DISTRICT IWB'S CSP NO. 199-0414-6089 UNTIL 9 A.M.**

Proposals will be received at Business Services Dept., 12300 Eastlake Drive, El Paso, Texas 79928 until the specified times. Detailed specifications are available from the above office between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and on the Socorro ISD website: [www.sisd.net](http://www.sisd.net). WTCC-04/06/06

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**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2006**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE CORE READING PROGRAM CSP NO. 199-0412-6088 UNTIL 10 A.M.**

**ATHLETIC SIGNAGE CSP NO. 199-0412-6082 UNTIL 10:30 A.M.**

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

As per Article V, Sec. 5.05(a), all owners and lienholders have ten (10) days from this date to reclaim their vehicles at South West Wrecker, 1401 Darrington Rd.,

855-1900, 851-2091-fax, or it will be sold at public auction for charges: VIN - IGIAN35HOEXI22368, 1993 Chevy Caprice, white, Texas license 775-DHD VIN - 4J47Y92I20226, 1979 Buick, black, Texas license B40-GDP VIN - IP4GK44R4RX325I00, 1994 Plymouth Voyager, white, dealer tags P38-928 VIN - IFMCAIIVOGBB34I7I, 1986 Ford Aerostar, green, Texas license V3I-GVF VIN - IC3EJ56H8TNI06639, 1996 Chrysler Sebring, purple, Texas license V89-FJK WTCC-04/04/06

### COUNSELING SERVICES

D A M I A N MAUREIRA, LCSW - Professional Counseling/Therapy: Youth, Adults, Marital, Family. Health insurance and fee scale accepted. 657 Winn Rd. in Socorro, Texas. Call 858-3857 for appointment. 04/06

### REAL ESTATE

LAND! 1/4, 1/3, 3/4 acre on main roads, but no utilities. Judy Burrows, Agent. 252-7855. 4/20

Furnished condo: by day, week, month or year. Inlaws. Rates -

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### SELF-HELP

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

Tiene problemas con el alcohol? Hay una solucion. Informacion: 838-6264.

### SERVICES

**5-Star Driving School**  
Driver's Ed  
**(915) 598-1898**  
Classes Begin Apr. 3rd and Apr. 24th

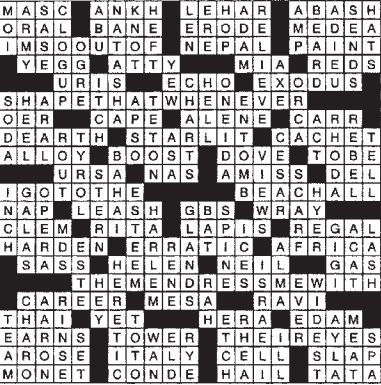
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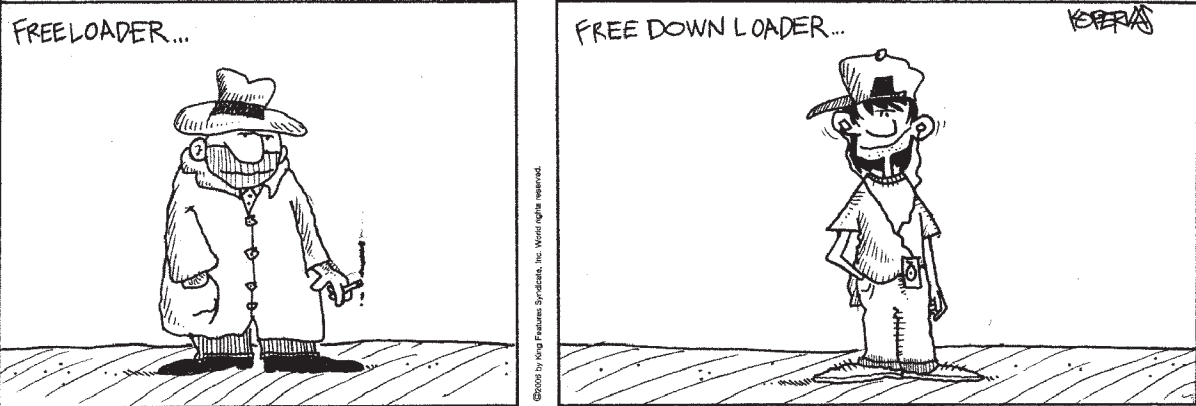
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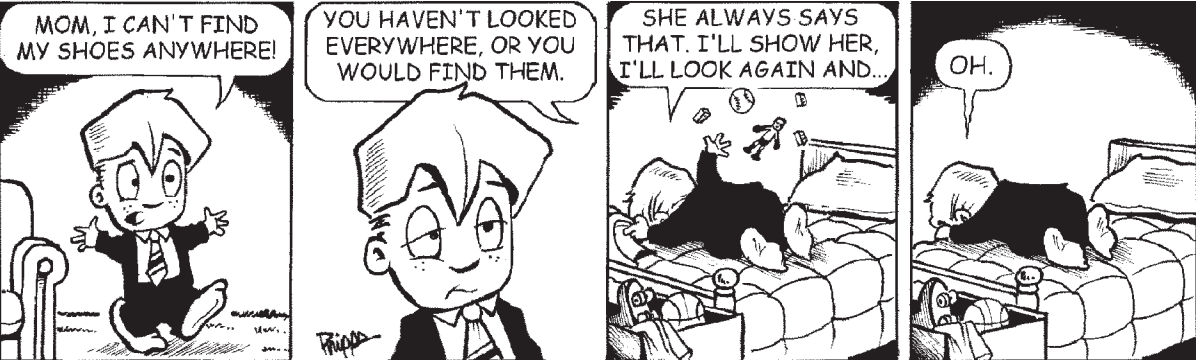


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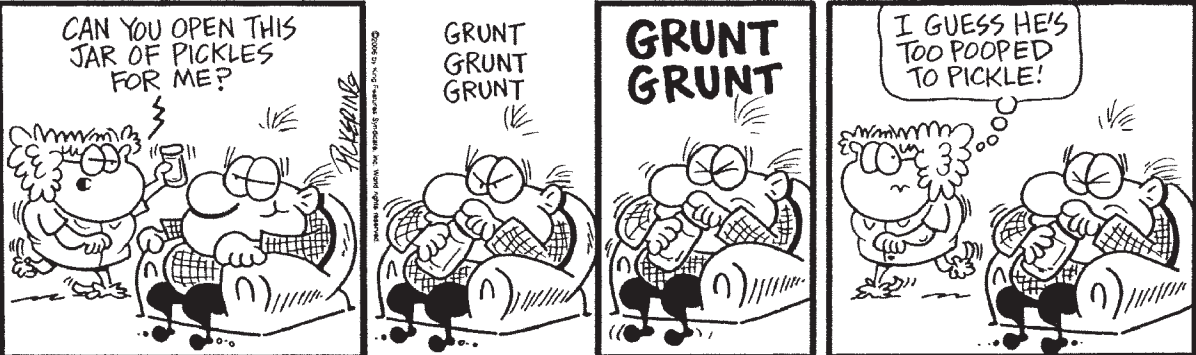
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Science marches on!

By Don Flood

Marine biologists have reported the discovery of a groovy new creature — a lobster-like animal with long, silky hair on its claws.

Scientists believe the creature to be of ancient origin, possibly as early as the 1970s, when many crustaceans found it fashionable to wear their hair long.

This theory gained further credibility when the crustacean was discovered to be wearing bellbottoms, with six legs, and constantly repeating “Far out!”

The creature is now being kept in an aquarium, where it is made to feel at home with round-the-clock disco music.

But the big news this week is: Technology Marches On.

Old geezers, fearful of change, sometimes wonder if all this new-fangled technology is really worth it.

Well, a recent study has answered that question.

In 1994, 82 percent of people surveyed said they accomplished at least half their daily work.

In 2005, after many, many billions of dollars of investment in technology, we have been able to drop that figure all the way from 82 percent to 51 percent.

Only half the people feel they accomplish half their work!

Also amazing, we have accomplished this miracle while increasing stress, allowing workers to feel the pressure of working more while enjoying the satisfaction of accomplishing less.

And this is just the beginning.

If present trends continue, by 2015, we should be able to achieve our ultimate goal of maximum stress and minimum output.

A scene from the Office of the Future:

BOSS: When will that report be done?

UNDERLING: Thanks to this great new computer upgrade, I

should be finished in 13 years.

BOSS: That’s just not good enough. With as much as we’ve invested in technology, that report should never be finished.

UNDERLING: “Never” is a tall order, sir, even with the technology we have.

Some benefits of technology are — clever segue alert — out of this world: Google has answered the demands of its customers with an “interactive” map of Mars.

Is anyone else concerned about why they might do this?

WIFE: Are you sure you know how to get to the Red Planet Holiday Inn?

HUSBAND: Yes, dear, I checked the map on Google.

Doesn’t quite add up, does it?

“The idea is to look at Mars and not think of it as a mysterious alien place,” said Phil Christensen, a planetary geologist who helped create the maps.

Is this guy kidding? Mars is a mysterious alien place and is precisely the kind of place where mysterious aliens can be expected to come from.

In fact — not to get too technical here — Mars is widely regarded by many scientists as a whole ‘nother planet.

You don’t have to be a rocket scientist to figure out what’s going on here. Google is taking their side in the coming battle between earthlings and Martians.

(Note to fellow earthlings: We need a new name. Earthlings sounds really lame and may tend to depress the home team. Earthdudes, maybe?)

In “War of the Worlds,” our bacteria defeated the Martians — Yea, bacteria! — but that might not work the next time.

Fortunately, though, we still have our ultimate weapon: disco music.

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King Super Crossword

BATHING BRUTEY ACROSS

- 1 Not fem.  
5 Egyptian symbol  
9 "Frederica" composer  
14 Disconcert  
19 University ordeal  
20 Source of ruin  
21 Wear down  
22 Mythical sorceress  
23 Start of a remark  
25 Sherpa site  
26 Canvas cover?  
27 Safecracker  
28 Part of D.A.  
30 Farrow or Sara  
32 Cincinnati nine  
33 Author Leon  
35 Canyon sound  
39 Novel by 33  
Across  
41 Part 2 of remark  
47 " \_ the land of the free ..."  
48 Drac's wrap  
49 Coeur d'\_, ID  
50 Singer Vikki  
54 Scarcity  
57 Like a romantic evening  
59 Prestige  
61 Metallic mixture  
62 A hand to the foot  
63 Pigeon kin  
65 Shakespearean infinitive  
66 \_ Major

- 68 Mil. base  
69 Wrong  
71 Verdi's "La Forza \_ Destino"  
72 Part 3 of remark  
76 Part 4 of remark  
78 Velvet feature  
79 Terrier tether  
81 "Pygmalion" monogram  
84 "King Kong" star  
85 Mr.  
Kadiddlehopper  
87 Rudner or Gam  
88 \_ lazuli  
90 Fit for a king  
94 Solidify  
96 Unpredictable  
98 Where to find a fennec  
99 Be brazen  
100 Soprano Traubel  
101 Sedaka or Simon  
103 Vapor  
104 Part 5 of remark  
109 Very long-lasting job?  
112 Arizona city  
113 Sitarist Shankar  
114 Siamese  
115 Even so  
117 Mrs. Zeus  
120 Dutch export  
123 Merits  
125 Lighthouse or minaret  
129 End of remark  
132 Cropped up

- 133 Po land  
134 Convent cubicle  
135 Clout a cad  
136 "Haystacks" artist  
137 Publisher Nast  
138 Rain hard?  
139 "Cheerio!"

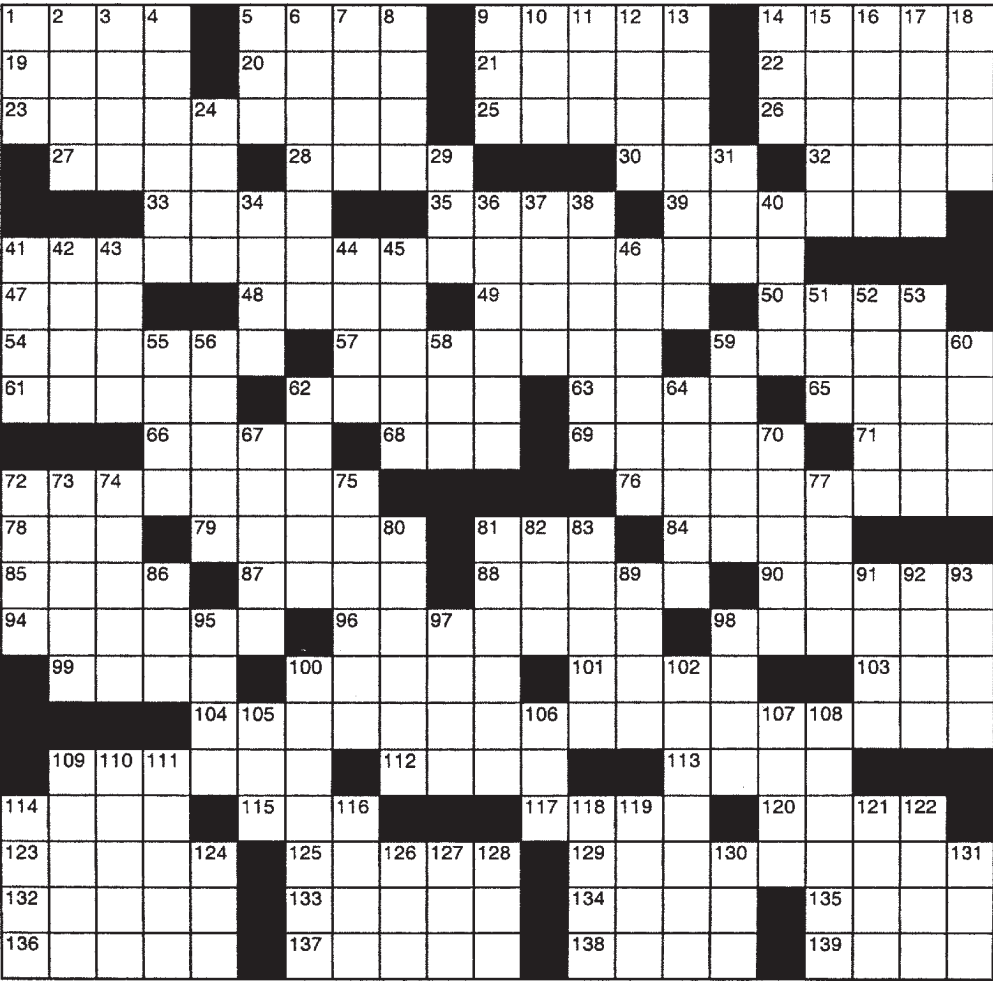
DOWN

- 1 Miss Piggy's pronoun  
2 Bunch of battalions  
3 Manuscript enc.  
4 Become blocked  
5 \_ Dhabi  
6 Boris' sidekick  
7 It may be square  
8 Bulk  
9 Actor Cariou  
10 Archaic preposition  
11 Spring  
12 TV's " \_ 12"  
13 Assist  
14 Current unit  
15 Schnauzer feature  
16 "Farewell, Francois!"  
17 Transmits  
18 Bartholomew Cubbins' problem  
24 Grimm creature  
29 Evergreen tree  
31 Bunyan's whacker  
34 Yen  
36 Horoscopes  
37 " \_ Have to Go"

- ('60 hit)  
38 Silverware city  
40 Marineland performer  
41 Bar supply  
42 Loaf part  
43 Inland sea  
44 Lhasa \_  
45 Grand \_ National Park  
46 Place in a pyramid  
51 Feign  
52 Valerie Harper sitcom  
53 Insurgent  
55 Decisive defeat  
56 Alpine area  
58 Gentle \_ lamb  
59 Composer Franck  
60 Relate  
62 Iranian religion  
64 Opinions  
67 Draconian  
70 Boa, but not cobra  
72 Foot part  
73 Wing-dings  
74 "Tommy" or "Tannhauser"  
75 Treasure  
77 Martha of "Some Came Running"  
80 "Spanish \_" ('61 song)  
81 Thyroid and pituitary  
82 Horror film extra  
83 Book part  
86 "ER" staffers

- 89 Completes the cake  
91 Anita Loos comedy  
92 " \_ may look on a king"  
93 Switch  
95 Ferrara first family  
97 Actor Enriquez  
98 Kruger or Reville  
100 Doctrine doubter  
102 Haifa native  
105 "Yo!"  
106 "Yay!"  
107 At any time  
108 Most sweeping  
109 Cugat consort  
110 Composer Copland  
111 Salon solution  
114 Jets, Mets, or Nets  
116 Dorothy's dog  
118 Impress  
119 Big bird  
121 Auel heroine  
122 Potatoes' partner  
124 Arrange type  
126 Pallid  
127 Yore  
128 Bread or booze  
130 Neighbor of Wis.  
131 Ems, for instance

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# Tornillo ISD hosts UIL meet

By Rudy Barreda  
Special to the Courier

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — Tornillo ISD hosted a Spring UIL Invitational on Friday, March 31. Schools from Fabens, Dell City, Sierra Blanca and Canutillo participated in the event, along with Tornillo Elementary, Tornillo Intermediate and Tornillo Junior High. Approximately 350 students competed in 22 academic UIL events.

Tornillo ISD dismissed students not competing in UIL events at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, so

that the staff of TISD schools could prepare for their visitors. “We really appreciate all schools who participated with a special thanks to those who traveled so far to come to Tornillo,” said Tornillo ISD Superintendent Paul Vranish.

Along with the competitive events, many other activities were provided for students to participate in between events. These included a game room, a bingo room, a movie room, a puzzle room, and, of course, a snack bar for kids and hospitality room for teachers.

“The meet was a real fun experience for the kids due to a lot of hard work by the staff,” noted Vranish.



— Photo courtesy Tornillo ISD

**SPINNING A TALE —** These young story-tellers told a fine tale during annual UIL meet. From left, Eddie Davis, Adrian Bustamante and Montana Rivera from Sierra Blanca Elementary prepare to compete in 2nd grade Storytelling at last week’s Elementary UIL Meet

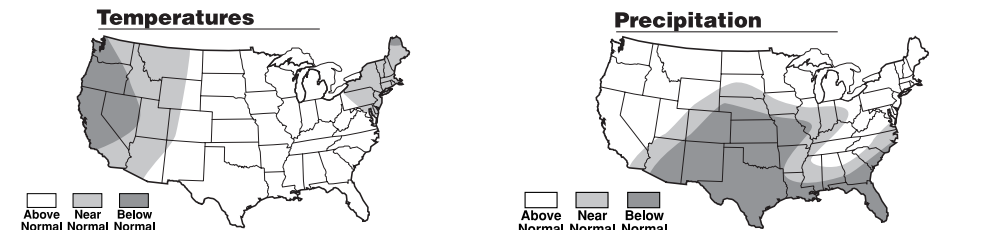
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WEATHER TRENDS THIS WEEK



IN THE SKY

Sun	Rise	Set	Moon	Rise	Set	First	Full
Thu.	6:48 a.m.	7:28 p.m.	Thu.	1:21 p.m.	3:15 a.m.		
Fri.	6:47 a.m.	7:29 p.m.	Fri.	2:20 p.m.	3:52 a.m.	4/5	4/13
Sat.	6:46 a.m.	7:30 p.m.	Sat.	3:16 p.m.	4:24 a.m.	Last	New
Sun.	6:44 a.m.	7:30 p.m.	Sun.	4:12 p.m.	4:52 a.m.		
Mon.	6:43 a.m.	7:31 p.m.	Mon.	5:06 p.m.	5:17 a.m.	4/20	4/27
Tues.	6:42 a.m.	7:32 p.m.	Tues.	6:01 p.m.	5:42 a.m.		
Wed.	6:41 a.m.	7:32 p.m.	Wed.	6:56 p.m.	6:06 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	87	53	s	84	50	s	76	55	s	84	57	s
Albuquerque, NM	59	38	s	70	42	s	73	44	s	72	44	pc
Amarillo, TX	69	37	s	72	41	s	71	44	s	78	44	pc
Austin, TX	84	59	pc	85	54	pc	81	57	s	85	61	s
Brownsville, TX	90	71	pc	88	71	pc	85	70	s	86	70	s
Dodge City, KS	70	40	s	63	38	pc	66	41	pc	72	45	pc
Jackson, MS	80	63	pc	82	58	t	74	52	pc	74	53	s
Laredo, TX	100	72	pc	97	68	pc	90	68	s	92	69	s
Little Rock, AR	78	61	t	77	51	t	69	51	pc	73	52	s
Lubbock, TX	80	42	s	76	44	s	76	48	s	82	51	s
Memphis, TN	76	63	pc	78	55	t	69	54	pc	71	54	s
Midland, TX	81	48	s	82	51	s	82	51	s	87	55	pc
Pueblo, CO	61	33	pc	65	33	s	74	38	s	74	37	pc
Roswell, NM	76	43	s	80	44	s	80	45	s	85	46	t
St. Louis, MO	70	56	t	72	45	pc	63	49	pc	70	45	sh
San Antonio, TX	88	66	pc	88	64	pc	82	62	s	87	64	s
Texarkana, AR	82	62	t	79	54	pc	72	53	s	77	57	s
Waco, TX	84	60	pc	82	56	pc	78	58	s	82	59	s
Wichita, KS	79	47	t	64	41	pc	63	45	pc	70	50	c

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	75	55	pc	79	57	t	75	53	t	72	52	s
Boston	56	38	s	54	38	r	46	36	r	47	38	s
Chicago	58	46	t	54	34	sh	50	34	pc	56	38	s
Denver	50	32	sh	56	34	s	70	40	s	66	36	pc
Detroit	54	40	s	58	42	t	50	36	pc	56	36	s
Houston	84	68	pc	84	64	pc	80	64	s	82	64	s
Indianapolis	60	52	t	66	48	t	55	43	pc	63	41	s
Kansas City	76	49	t	60	41	pc	62	44	pc	69	48	c
Los Angeles	68	52	s	68	52	pc	68	54	pc	68	54	r
Miami	85	71	pc	84	71	pc	85	73	pc	85	71	pc
Minneapolis	56	38	r	48	30	sh	52	35	pc	55	38	sh
New Orleans	84	66	pc	82	66	t	82	63	pc	79	60	s
New York City	58	42	s	59	44	sh	58	42	r	50	42	s
Omaha	74	44	t	55	32	c	60	38	pc	68	43	pc
Phoenix	79	56	s	83	57	s	87	59	s	85	59	s
San Francisco	66	52	pc	62	50	r	63	50	pc	59	49	r
Seattle	60	44	c	56	44	sh	56	42	sh	54	43	c
Washington	63	45	s	68	50	pc	59	42	c	59	43	s

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