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NEWSBRIEFS

Tower down

The familiar sound of the bell in the tower of the San Lorenzo Catholic Church in Clint is stilled for now, but plans are to rebuild the structure put there around 1914. It is expected that the popular San Lorenzo Festival which draws multiple thousands to the Town of Clint in August will proceed as always. Apparently the adobe structure had weakened over the years and was subjected to frequent shaking due to trains passing by on adjacent railroad tracks. In the afternoon of May 23, shortly after a train had passed, the tower simply gave way and fell into the courtyard. Many expressed relief that the tower fell on a weekday afternoon when the area was vacant. No one was injured. Rev. Edilberto "Beto" Lopez, who has pastored the church for the last five years, said he was confident the community would rebuild the historic structure and he asked for support. To find out more about donations and assistance, call 851-2255.

More Fabens pool days

Fabens is a more cool place than ever to be this summer with the county doubling the number of days the Fabens pool will be open to the public. Hours for public swimming are noon to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays. The pool is available for reservation for private parties from 6 to 10 p.m. Budget restraints held the days down to three last year, according to Rey Chavez, assistant director of parks, golf and aquatics for the county. The pool will close after Labor Day weekend. The pool is located at 518 G. Ave. N.E. and more information is at 772-5605.

In other news

■ Emmanuel Escobar, 2005 Canutillo

High School graduate, completed U.S. Air Force boot camp training recently and is now attending Air Transportation School at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. He is the son of Fernando and Mary



Ann Escobar, of Canutillo.

■ The U.S. Customs Border Protection Border Patrol agents made two significant drug seizures while working traffic checkpoints on May 23. At the Highway 70 Traffic Checkpoint between Alamogordo and El Paso, agents seized 960 pounds of marijuana hidden inside trapdoors in the walls of a trailer. The drugs were valued at \$768,544. Also, at the traffic checkpoint on I-25 near Las Cruces, agents grew suspicious while questioning the driver of a 2004 PT Cruiser. A canine officer hit on

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Some people have more money than brains — but not for long.

— Quips & Quotes

Smithsonian scholars share knowledge with Socorro students



Photo courtesy Socorro ISD

HARNESS FOR STUDY - William D. Slider Middle School student Madison Tenneson helps Isidro Barela try on an electronic horse collar, similar to those used by Smithsonian elephant specialist Pia Terranova during her work in Sri Lanka.

By Carlos A. Briano Special to the Courier

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — Did you know scientists are able to track elephants in Sri Lanka from their offices in Washington, D.C.? Eighth-grade students Madison Tenneson and Isidro Barela know that now because of an out-of-classroom learning experience. Both were among 60 students from William D. Slider Middle School who participated in the Ford Smithsonian Scholars science program, which brings working scientists of the Smithsonian Institution's supporting association to selected middle schools.

The program is sponsored by the Ford Motor Company Fund and marks the Scholars' second consecutive annual visit to SISD campuses. This year's presentations were given at Capt. Walter E. Clarke Middle, Col. John O. Ensor Middle, Montwood Middle, William D. Slider Middle and Sun Ridge Middle.

"I liked the way they gather information," Barela observed after a presentation by Smithsonian Zoo's Asian elephant specialist Pia Terranova, "And I liked the way they use the collars and the satellites to help the elephants."

Smithsonian Scholar Pia Terranova came to the Socorro schools be-

tween trips to Sri Lanka, where she studies Asian elephants, and Washington, D.C., where she lives. It was her first trip to El Paso. She is a Geographic Information Systems (GIS) specialist for the National Zoo's Conservation and Research Center.

Terranova presented "Saving Species with Satellites: Protecting the Asian Elephant with Geographic Information Systems and Satellite Technology." She talked with the students about elephant biology and behavior and demonstrated some of the new technologies used to study animals from afar. Terrenova says Asian Elephants are competing with man for the same food and other natural resources, something that sparked Madison Tenneson's concern.

"We really need to think about what we are doing when we recycle to help the elephants and other animals," she says.

"I think it's interesting for students to realize that humans have an impact," Terranova says. "And when they do the follow-up exercise (do the geographic mapping), they'll see a little bit more about how they can relate that to Texas. I hope they get something from it, or see something else about the world beyond the science. And that will let them relate what's going on in another country to here."

Slider science teacher Sharon Mitchell says she and other science teachers prepared the students for the Smithsonian presentation.

"During this nine-week period we've discussed de-forestation and the habitats of animals," she says. "The information she's sharing now about the elephants pertains to the enrichment of what we were doing in class. What we were doing in class was theoretical — but what she's bringing to us is the real thing."

Sara E. Ohlidal, Regional Programs Coordinator for The Smithsonian Associates, says students often show a professional interest after presentations.

"We tend to find students who want to know what scientists do all day and how they become a scientist," she says. "They know that yes, there are these careers out there but how do you get to be a scientist and what do you do? What does that mean? They're always interested in the technology."

The world's climates are being changed by plants and the plants' use of carbon dioxide, and Dr. Bert G. Drake's April 26

SEISD board elects new officers

By Phillip Cortez Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO — Roberto Garcia was elected president of the San Elizario School Board during a special board meeting that saw changes to all board officer positions, Wednesday, May 24. Garcia was a unanimous choice to replace longtime board president Antonio Araujo, who held the position for the last eight years, according to district records. Araujo was also the board president during the 1995-1996 school year.

Garcia has served on the board for the last 12 years, the last five as vice president. He also served as board secretary. Ramon Holguin, who served on the board for ten years from 1986-1996 before coming back in 2004, was selected to replace Garcia as vice president during the meeting.

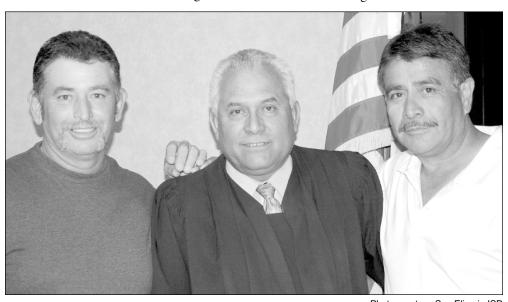
Armando Martinez, who originally served on the board from 1971-1979 before returning in May of 1996, was selected to replace Fernie Madrid as board secretary, his first officer pothe 70's.

bers maintain their focus on ensuring success- mation contact Margie Medina at 872-3900.

ful student achievement and that the school district continues to hire the best employees possible for students in San Elizario, according to SEISD Superintendent Dr. Mike Quatrini.

In other district news:

- Judge Ruben Lujan swore in board members Vicente Delgadillo and Antonio Araujo during open forum to new terms. Both Delgadillo and Araujo ran unopposed during the May elections. Each will serve for three more years before they are up for re-election.
- Athletic Director Bernie Del Hierro introduced new San Elizario High School football coach Alfredo Gurrola to the school board. Gurrola comes to San Elizario by way of Chapin High School, where he served as defensive coordinator.
- There is currently a 1-year, unexpired vacancy on the SEISD Board of Trustees that runs through May 2007. Any registered voter residing in the school district that is interested in being a member of the Board of Trustees needs to submit a letter of interest by June 15, 2006 to the Superintendent's Office (PO Box 920, San sition held since serving as board president in Elizario, Texas 79849) or come to the office between the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 1050 Despite the changes, all school board mem- Chicken Ranch Road in San Elizario. For infor-



- Photo courtesy San Elizario ISD

TO UPHOLD THE LAW - Judge Ruben Lujan, center, performed the swearing in of SEISD Trustees Vicente Delgadillo, left, and Antonio Araujo, right, on May 24 to new three-year terms.

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One perspective **By Francis Shrum**

A different sort of day

hung up our flag.

It's made out of some kind of strong, lightweight material that really catches and floats in the breeze. kind of day. The morning was crystal clear, the its brightness and clarity.

front door and sat down. The barn swallows have chosen our porch for their home again and the parents were busily feeding the four new ones hanging over the edge with their greedy little mouths wide open, begging for more.

New life. A new day.

So I went all the right days. Flag Day, even July outside and 4, has passed without my remembering to do it, especially if I'm doing something else of an intense nature.

But Memorial Day is a different

Don't get me wrong. I love my kind that almost hurts your eyes with country. I hold dear and precious the values on which it was founded. The I found a spot in the shade by the independence and the bedrock respect for individual dignity that we take for granted everyday is something that I don't take for granted, especially when I see the terror, oppression and injustice imposed on people in other nations.

We may do a lot of things wrong in this country but we've also got a I'm a forgetful sort, so I don't allot right. To me that's what the other ways remember to put up my flag on national holidays are about.

Memorial Day, though, that's a different kind of day.

For me, when I hang that flag out there on this day, it's a plea to everyone, to anyone who sees it, to somehow recognize the horrible waste we have, we do and we will continue to condone with the death, maining and destruction of human beings in the name of war.

I don't, for one moment, believe that our national values are not worth protecting. They are. We should protect them with our education, our voices, our behavior, our commerce, our industry and within the confines of our homes every evening when we sit down to supper.

The part I hate is that we also feel compelled to protect them with the blood of our sons. And now, even our daughters, who will never bear sons.

We used to be more honest about it. Men who killed other men would take their scalps and notch their guns about kings who had "killed their ten thousands."

It's a natural-born fact that men of power have always sought to consoli-

best way to do it is through conquest. And to conquer successfully, you've got to have raw materials — weapons, food, transportation and as many living, breathing, human bodies as you can find to fight your battle.

There are songs and stories about the glory of war, and there is certainly an undeniable glory to the might and strength of a column of uniformed troops on parade, a fleet of ships on the waves, a formation of war planes overhead. A powerful, heady contest in the offing, the ultimate competition.

It is indeed a glorious game, except for those who lose. For men who die in battle the game is over. For those maimed, quality of life is hampered, even destroyed. For those who love those who lost the game, the loss is the same. And even for those who came out bodily whole, the damage is still there, you just can't see it.

Modern warfare is as barbaric as – women used to sing in the streets—ever, but like all things, we've become a whole lot more politically correct in the way we talk about it. Nowadays in America, we say we hate the loss of "one single soldier"

date and expand that power and the and we try to make it seem that military service is just like any other career. What we don't say is that in this career, you must be willing to take multiple human lives in bloody confrontation or give up your own trying.

It's that simple.

Memorial Day, for me, is a different kind of day. A day when I back away from the accepted reality that nations fight wars, rightly or wrongly. Aday when I don't feel patriotic national pride rise in my chest when I look at our stars and stripes. Instead, on this day, I feel something quite different.

I feel compassion for the broken lives of men and women, many of them so young they may never have understood why they were fighting in the first place. I feel sorry for those, mostly women and elderly, who lost the fruit of long years of care and sacrifice — their kids — in a flash of heat and flame.

And I yearn for another day, a day when things will be done differently, when power can be wielded for the good of all men and not evil.

Then we won't need a day to memorialize wasted human life anymore.

SAG ruling clarifies requirements for sterilizing salon instruments

All Texas cosmetology salons and barber shops that provide manicure and pedicure services are required to sterilize all reusable instruments with an autoclave, according to an opinion issued Thursday by Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott.

Attorney General's Opinion GA-0432 found that an irreconcilable conflict existed between two laws enacted by the 79th Texas Legislature — Senate Bill 411 and House Bill 1304.

Senate Bill 411, which abolished the Texas Cosmetology Commission and the Texas Board of Barber Examiners and moved regulation of those professions to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR), also required all cosmetologists and barbers that provide manicure and pedicure services to sterilize reusable instruments in an autoclave.

House Bill 1304, however, while requiring all reusable instruments to be sterilized, also allowed for methods other than an autoclave, such as dry heat or ultraviolet light.

In the opinion, Abbott concluded that because Senate Bill 411 was enacted subsequent to House Bill 1304, "Senate Bill 411 prevails with the result that a barber or cosmetologist who treats nails, hands or feet must sterilize nondisposable instruments with an autoclave," according to the opinion.

"This provides clarity, not only for TDLR but also for manicurists and pedicurists," said William Kuntz, TDLR's executive director. "We've known since the end of the legislative session that sterilization would be required, but until now we haven't been able to tell the licensees that they definitely needed an autoclave. It's important to have this matter settled." Opinion No. GA-0432 is available in its entirety on the TDLR website at: http:// www.license.state.tx.us/cosmet/pdf/GA-0432.pdf.

Childress students learn about jobs during Career Fair

CANUTILLO — Bill Childress **Elementary School students** recently observed a presentation about careers with the **Federal Correctional System** given by Darla Wolf, teacher at La Tuna Federal Prison during the school's annual Career Fair. These Canutillo ISD students are now better acquainted with career options available to them. "Career Day is an opportunity for our students to explore the various career fields, provides guidance in choosing a career, and promotes the importance of an education," said Michelle Escobedo, BCE school counselor and career fair coordina-



tor. Representatives from different agencies and businesses were on hand to provide information and talk with students about their specific career opportunities.

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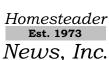
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Reyes Reports By U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes

New legislation addresses the need for health security

rity is our health, and new legislation in Congress will help keep us healthy and keep us safe. I introduced the Border Health Security Act of 2006 this month, and this new legislation would provide quality health care for border residents, help protect the border region against bioterrorism, and re-authorize the U.S.-Mexico Border Health Commission.

Rep. Jim Kolbe (R-AZ) is serving as the lead co-sponsor of the bill, and Senators Jeff Bingaman (D-NM) and Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-TX) introduced the companion bill in the U.S. Senate.

Health care delivery

Through this legislation, we aim to empower local clinics and centers that are working hard to meet the border region's health needs to broaden their outreach and services, and we seek to authorize federal funding for states, local governments,

basic element higher education, nonprofit health Health Commission of our secu- organizations, and community health centers along the U.S.-Mexico border to improve infrastructure, access and delivery of health care services. **Bioterrorism**

> We also recognize that with a large migratory population of more than 800,000 people traveling between both the U.S. and Mexico, bioterrorism is a big concern to the health of the border region and the nation as a whole. This legislation provides \$25 million in funding to states and local governments or public health departments to improve the infrastructure, preparedness, and education of health professionals along the U.S.-Mexico border. In coordination with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Homeland Security, this bill also establishes a health alert network to help identify and communicate information quickly to health providers about threats.

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This legislation re-authorizes the U.S.-Mexico Border Health Commission, which is headquartered in El Paso, at \$10 million annually, and provides a direct channel for the Border Health Commission to communicate with Congress. It also calls for a study of binational health barriers and insurance options to improve coverage for people residing along the border.

In the 21st Century, we are becoming increasingly aware of the national security implications of health and viruses, as many of our emerging threats now come together in a petri dish. Our borders are the frontline of all components of our national defense, including health security. We have to face — and expand on — our current efforts to protect us all from treacherous biological agents, and this bill moves us in the right direction. By safeguarding our health, we are safeguarding ourselves and our nation.

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Photo courtesy Socorro ISD

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY... - SISD's second team of 12 individuals attended training from April 24 through April 28 at the National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg, Md.

Socorro ISD is first to get federal emergency training

By Alfredo Ontiveros Special to the Courier

EAST EL PASO COUNTY -Two groups of Socorro ISD employees have now completed Federal Multi-Hazard Emergency Training for Schools. SISD's second team of 12 individuals attended training from April 24 through April 28 at the National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg, Md. The first team attended training in March.

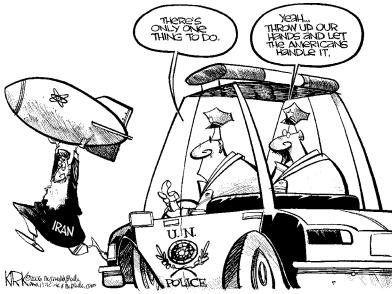
"This training is the next step in furthering our Emergency Operations Plans for the District," said Rene Chavez, SISD's Director of Risk Management. "With what we have learned here, we can train our campuses and departments to use incident command structure. We have Emergency Operations Plan in place. This training will help us to hone the plan and put it into action."

school district personnel from across the country to response procedures for situations such as hostile intruders, weather related emergencies, and environmental emergencies. Additionally the course demonstrated how to train for emergencies by using different types of exercises from table top practice to full-blown, real-time emergency drills. Learning and practicing these kinds of exercises is the focus of the training which helps to prepare schools to face many kinds of community emergencies.

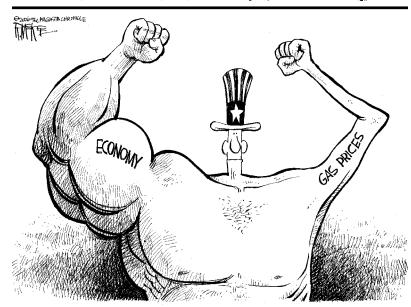
Socorro ISD is the first school district in the region to complete this training through the Emergency Management Institute. Team members for the April training included Assistant Superintendent Dr. Ed Gabaldon, Risk Management Director Rene Chavez, Special Education Director Susan Kelch, District Psychologist Dr. H. Cervantes, Assistant

The national course introduced Principals Jesus Aguirre at Montwood High School and Sylvia Esparza at Socorro High School, Communications Director Minerva Baumann, Safety Specialist Judy Crandall, Nurse Coordinator Sandy Beckford, Transportation Coordinator Joe Castorena, and SISD Police Officer Joe Alvarez.

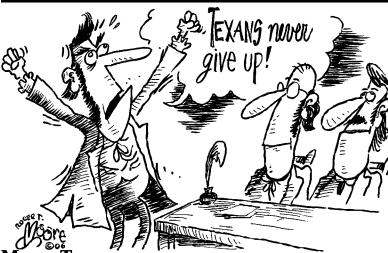
> Fire District Chief Don Berger, Coordinator for the El Paso City/ County Office of Emergency Management also joined the Socorro ISD team for the April training. Both trained SISD groups will now work together to revise and enhance the current District Emergency Operations Plan and recommend emergency operations training at the various department levels. The enhanced district plan will be introduced to campus administrators and campuses can then enhance their campus plans for consistency district-wide.











Moore Texas by Roger T. Moore Gen. David Stanley told a Congressional Reconstruction Committee that "Texas is worse than the other states because she's never been whipped. "We take that as a compliment.

Canutillo community member invited to Institute for Educational Inquiry in Seattle

By Alfredo Vasquez Special to the Courier

UPPER VALLEY — Mary Ann Escobar, parent liaison with Canutillo Independent School District, participated in the Institute for Educational Inquiry-Developing Networks conference that was held recently in Seattle, Washington as part of the National Network for Educational Re newal (NNER) initiative.

The national network initiative is consortium of educators, businesspersons, and government officials interested in developing strategies to engage more community participation in the educational process of high school students.

This initiative was introduced in

teachers, administrators, community members, students, and UTEP representatives and its purpose was to identify best practices for improving secondary schools.

Escobar was involved with the initiative as a community member since its inception in March 2004. Heading the UTEP group was Dr. Sandra Hurley, associate vice provost.

At the conference, Escobar shared her experiences, as a community member in the CISD-UTEP educational renewal program, with partici-

Canutillo two years ago through a part- pants who were from other national nership between CISD and UTEP. The network for educational renewal setlocal program consisted of parents, tings and have not yet participated in the Developing Networks

program.

The main message she conveyed to conference participants Escobar said was that the most important voices in their Developing Networks initiative were those of students. "We had genuine student engagement in addition to parents and community members' input," Escobar

said. "It was the fact that we were a real team working for the benefit of students and our recommendations are being carried forward that made our work successful," she said.

Mary Ann Escobar

Write stuff

Dear Editor:

In 1986, we granted amnesty to 2.7 million illegal aliens who were within our borders. This was supposed to solve our illegal immigration problem. Predictably, it only made the problem worse. Today, there are between 11 million and 20 million illegals in our country. And the number will continue to increase if we grant them amnesty.

The only solution is to demand that our federal government enforces our immigration laws. It certainly is not doing that today. We have troops all over the world protecting other nations. Let's bring some of them home and beef up security of our southern

Next we must enforce laws pertaining to document fraud and the hiring of illegals. If we do so, many illegals will leave our country because no one will hire them. Also, we

must cancel granting automatic citizenship to infants born to illegals, a violation of our 14th Amendment. We then should begin deporting the remaining illegals and encourage them to apply for legal entry and eventual citizenship.

What we must not do is to reward illegals with amnesty for breaking our laws and compromising our security and sovereignty.

Eugene E. King Thousand Oaks, CA



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

EL PASO CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT **BUDGET**

The El Paso Central Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2006/2007 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on Thursday, June 8, 2006 at 5:30 p.m. at the El Paso Central Appraisal District Conference Room, 5801 Trowbridge, El Paso, Texas 79925.

A summary of the Appraisal District Budget follows:

The total amount of the Proposed Budget (Salaries and Operating) is \$10,829,808.

The total amount of increase over the current year's Budget is \$663,917.

The number of employees compensated under the current Budget is 139.

The number of employees compensated under the Proposed Budget will be 141.

The Appraisal District is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the Appraisal District.

If approved by the El Paso Central Appraisal District Board of Directors at the public hearing, this Proposed Budget will take effect automatically on October 1, 2006, unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities, and towns served by the Appraisal District.

A copy of the Proposed Budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of these governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the Appraisal District Office.

El Paso Central Appraisal District 5801 Trowbridge El Paso, Texas 79925

The words 'bird flu' don't mean the sky is falling

By Carla Everett Special to the Courier

It's enough to make you head for the hills. Some headlines about "bird flu," or avian influenza, make grave predictions — literally — and fore-Arm yourself with information.

Avian Influenza is a virus that usually affects only birds. It circulates among the wild bird population (and sometimes, pigs) and like some other flu viruses, can change, or mutate.

The avian influenza virus can be configured into more than 144 strains, as determined by the combinations of "H" and "N." The "H" -or Hemaglutinin, and the "N" -Neuraminidase, in the virus. For ex-H1N2, H2N2 or H7N2.

To add to the mix, some avian influenza strains come in one of two hands thoroughly. strengths, known as "pathogenicity," or the ability to sicken or kill birds.

Low pathogenic avian influenza (LPAI) may be inapparent or make birds slightly ill. Highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI), on the other hand, may make birds very sick, or cause large death losses.

The highly visible "bird flu" in the news is a highly pathogenic H5N1 strain, which has not yet been detected in the U.S. However, it could be "imported" by migrating wild birds, or by diseased birds or products smuggled into the country. Early detection is crucial.

Avian influenza infection, the particular avian influenza strain, or its pathogenicity can't be determined by looking at a sick bird. A number of diseases or conditions can cause birds to become ill or to die. To determine the cause, laboratory tests must be conducted on blood, tissue or fecal material from a potentially infected bird. In Texas, the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory (TVMDL) conducts the laboratory testing.

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for the avian influenza virus. Since widespread area testing of both com-1998, more than 12,000 migratory birds and waterfowl have been tested in Alaska, and it is not unexpected to detect some avian influenza strains. All tests, however, have been negative for H5N1.

This year, more wild birds are betell absolute worst-case scenarios. ing tested along their migratory paths—called flyways. Texas is in the Central Flyway, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Wildlife Services and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in 2006 will collect several thousand samples from targeted species.

cause undue concern. However, because birds may die from a variety of causes, don't touch the bird with bare hands. Place a plastic bag over ample, the virus may be classified as your hand and pick up the bird, enclosing it in the bag and disposing of it in the garbage. Then wash your

> notify your local health officials, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, or the Texas Animal Health Commission at 1-800-550-8242.

> Commercially produced poultry (chickens, turkeys) are raised indoors, protected from contact with wild birds. Biosecurity measure are employed, which may include disinfecting boots and tools prior to entering poultry houses, restricting visitor access, and cleaning vehicle tires at the farm gate, to avoid introducing disease.

> Routine disease surveillance for avian influenza is performed on commercial flocks. Routine disease surveillance also is conducted on many noncommercial flocks.

In 2004, two strains of avian influenza (not H5N1) were detected in ease outbreak occurs. The Foreign and the state. The TAHC and the USDA-Texas staff responded immediately to quarantine the flocks, and control, then eliminate the infection.

On the affected sites, cages, poultry houses and equipment were thoroughly disinfected. Before releasing Wild waterfowl are the natural host the quarantine, the team conducted

mercial and noncommercial flocks to ensure the disease had been eradicated.

Under its Fowl Registration Program, the TAHC requires domestic and exotic fowl sellers, distributors and transporters who sell at public sites to register with the agency.

Since 2003, about 200 persons have contracted the HPAI H5N1 virus. Nearly all had extensive direct contact with sick or dead birds, or consumed improperly prepared products from sick birds. Human-to-human transmission has not been demonstrated.

Lack of biosecurity, extreme crowd-A dead bird in your yard should not ing, and cultural practices may contribute to the transmission of HPAI H5N1 to humans. As of late May 2006, nearly 50 human cases had been confirmed in Indonesia, a country roughly three times the size of Texas, but with 245 million citizens and more than 780 million poultry, most in small, backyard flocks. In contrast, Texas has 23 If you see a die-off of many birds, million residents, and most of the state's 100 million poultry are produced commercially.

> The worst-case scenario would be a mutation of the virus that results in rapid human-to-human transmission. To date, HPAI H5N1 remains primarily a bird disease with only limited bird-to-human transmission.

At the national level, the USDA is working with a cadre of agencies in preparation for response to an HPAI H5N1 outbreak, should one occur. As in most other states, the TAHC is working cooperatively with state and federal animal and human health agencies, and industry to prepare for an avian influenza situation.

The TAHC may also enlist support from more than 30 agencies, if a dis-Emerging Animal Disease response plan is the state's blueprint for a disease response. To develop and maintain expertise, TAHC veterinarians and animal health inspectors have worked on poultry disease outbreaks and have participated in state- and national-level preparedness meetings.

Public Notice Canutillo ISD Announces Summer Meal Program

The Canutillo Independent School District announces the sponsorship of the summer food service program. Meals will be provided at the sites listed with the following information:

The following five Canutillo ISD campus cafeterias will offer breakfast from 7 - 8 a.m. and lunch from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Mid morning snacks will be offered from 9 - 10 a.m. and mid afternoon snacks between 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Meals are free to all participants, ages one to eighteen years of age. Participants with a handicap may receive free meals up to age twenty-one. Adults may purchase meals ala carte.

<u>CAMPUS</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>DATES</u>
• Canutillo High School	6675 South Desert	June 1-August 4, 2006
• Canutillo ES	651 Canutillo Ave.	June 5-July 30, 2006
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PATRIOTISM NOT DEAD — Deanna Davenport students show their patriotism during the Pledge of Allegiance. From left are Naseem Hajir as George Washington, Samantha Urquidi as Lady Liberty, Alex Varela as Uncle Sam, Jack Horn as Abraham Lincoln, and Leslie Martinez as Betsy Ross.

Patriotic salute brings to life some important values

By Kim Guzman Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO - First grade students at Deanna Davenport Elementary School in Canutillo presented a patriotic salute recently entitled "Our U.S. Heritage" in the school's cafetorium for students, staff and parents.

The students studied the history of the United States, its major landmarks and famous public figures during the semester and learned some of the most treasured patriotic songs of the U.S., and the presentation was the culmination of all

Director Sandi Borden.

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Formed in 1917, TEPSA

their hard work. About 80 students First grade volunteer parents were participated in the event which included songs, orations, and a power ing of costumes. First grade teachpoint presentation.

for the event were obtained through Janiece Ward, Isabel Gonzalez, a Canutillo Independent School Rosa Villalobos, and Carla District Service Learning Grant. Acevedo.

involved in the sewing and alterers who worked with the students The costumes, music and props on this event are Mary Brockett,



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Socorro ISD principal named TEPSAN of the Year

By Carlos A. Briano Special to the Courier

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — Escontrias Elementary Principal Becky Quiett of Socorro ISD was named District 19 TEPSAN of the Year for the Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association (TEPSA). Quiett is also serving as TEPSA District 19 president this year.

Each year, members from the 20 TEPSA districts across the state

honor a colleague who makes a difference in the lives of Texas students. The TEPSANs of the Year will be recognized at TEPSA's Summer Conference in June at the Austin Renaissance Hotel.

"This annual award is presented to TEPSA members for their tireless commitment to serving chil-



Becky Quiett

association," said TEPSA Executive tion at the elementary level.

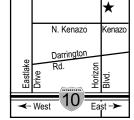
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Scholars

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presentation to Sun Ridge fifth graders surprised and impressed the students. His office is on the East Coast's Chesapeake Bay; the sessions marked his first trip to El Paso.

"There's something about hearing from the people actually doing it that's really critical," Dr. Drake says. "I see the data every day. Data for a scientist is like ice cream for a kid."

Dr. Drake's specialty is plant physiology, and he's the principal investigator with the Smithsonian's Environmental Research Center's Plant Physiology Laboratory.

His April 26 presentation to approximately 60 students included statistics resulting from the world's carbon dioxide levels, warming temperatures, and resource consumption. "And you can see how enriched the basic ideas become when you tell the story of how the polar bears depend on seals to the students."

Energy consumption was also one of Dr. Drake's main topics. "A Mexican uses one-fourth as much energy as an American," he told the students, spotlighting the differences in energy consumption between countries.

Student Alina Montoya says she'll try to get her mom to plan her car trips better.

"Maybe I could stop leaving everything on, especially the TV," she

"Sometimes you could use the bus to get home, or get a car that doesn't use that much gasoline," added her friend Paulina Flores. "And turn off the lights when I go out of the room."

Sun Ridge Middle Principal Sam Hogue says SISD campuses are very lucky to host the Smithsonian Scholars.

"We want to get the students interested in science early so they can build on that interest as they go through school."



Anthony ISD Offers Summer Food Program

The Anthony Independent School District in Anthony, Texas at 610 Sixth St. announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Service Program. It is free for all children ages one to 18 years. Breakfast and lunch will be provided at the Anthony Elementary School Cafeteria four days per week except Fridays when the district will be closed. From May 30 to July 18, 2006 breakfast will be served from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The school will be closed on **July 3-7, 2006**. In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call 1-800-795-3272 or (202) 720-6382 (TTY). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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College coach runs, but cannot hide, from NCAA sanctions

By Steve Escajeda Special to the Courier

There are some college basketball coaches that have become synonymous with the schools they coach. Some examples are Dean Smith and North Carolina, John Wooden and UCLA and even Don Haskins and UTEP.

Another coach that had spent plenty of time at his particular school is Kelvin Sampson. He had been the head coach at Oklahoma for 12 very successful years.

That made his sudden move to Indiana a couple months ago very surprising. Most people figured he was very happy at Oklahoma and would likely finish his career there.

But Sampson said goodbye to Oklahoma and hello to Indiana after the Hoosier's Mike Davis resigned.

Sampson originally said the reason he left for Indiana was the great opportunity to coach at a famous basketball institution.

a lie

The real reason Sampson left was made a little clearer last week when it was learned that

he steered right into an iceberg of recruiting violations.

It turns out that Oklahoma, under Sampson, put out many strong teams. Some of them even good enough to threaten for the NCAA championship.

But just like Barry Bonds reached the height of his sport by cheating, Sampson rose to be among the very best coaches in his profession by being g a little bit less than truthful.

Turns out Sampson had trouble following the

The NCAA limits the number of contacts a basketball program can have with prospective recruits. There is a limit on the number of scholarships a school can offer, a limit on the number of visits they can host, a limit on the number of phone calls they can make to recruits.

Oklahoma, under the Sampson regime, made too many phone calls to recruits from 2000 to

Now, some might wonder what the big deal Sounds like a great reason. Also sounds like is. What's a few calls over the limit going to hurt? Fact is, it wasn't a few calls.

> Sampson and his staff made 577 more calls than they were supposed to. It was a blatant

he was jumping a sinking ship. A sinking ship disregard for the rules and Sampson jumped ship because he knew the hammer was going to be coming down on his program soon.

> And it did. And apparently Sampson thought by leaving Oklahoma he'd be able to escape the NCAA's wrath. Usually the NCAA puts fines, sanctions and probation on the school and not the coaches.

> But it turns out Sampson had nowhere to hide.

> This time the NCAA went after the lawbreaker and imposed its sanctions on Sampson and not his former school.

> So Sampson is not allowed to make any calls to, or make any off-campus trips with any Indiana recruits for a whole year.

> It's about time the NCAA went after the bad guy. I don't agree with the NCAA very often but this time I am behind them 100 percent.

> I'll bet administrators at Indiana are thinking that Bobby Knight may not seem so bad after all.

Stupid move

One of the good guys of the NBA did something stupid over the weekend and was arrested

I've learned through the years, especially by watching those cop shows on TV, that when a police officer gives you an instruction you fol-

Gilbert Arenas, the Washington Wizards star who does an awful lot for kids, made the mistake of not listening to an officer's instructions after a former teammate of his got into trouble.

Seems Awvee Storey, a former Wizard player, was walking down a Miami street and was blocking traffic. Police asked him to get off the street but he failed to leave. As they arrested him for not following their commands, Arenas left his car to come to his ex-teammate's side.

Police asked Arenas to get back into his car but he told police that he was going to stay by his buddy.

Police granted Arenas his wish and arrested him too.

Now, before any of you go out and commend Arenas for his loyalty, he was also quoted as saying, "You can't arrest me. I'm a basketball player. I play for the Washington Wizards, and I'm not going to leave my teammate."

Evidently, much to Arenas' surprise, they could arrest him.

fitness programs.

Local girls team qualifies for national AAU Tournament in Springfield, Missouri

By Alfredo Vasquez Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY - The El Paso Sun, a basketball team of girls age 11 years old and under, won the Championship Super Regional Tournament in Albuquerque in April. They went undefeated in the tournament, which consisted of teams from Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico and

By winning the Super Regional, the Sun girls' team is now qualified to participate in the AAU National Tournament (Division 1), June 24 July 1, in Springfield, Missouri.

The El Paso Suns 11U team is composed of girls who attend schools in El Paso County including San Elizario, Socorro, Ysleta, Canutillo and Faith Christian.

Before competing in the national tournament, the Sun will fine-tune their skills by participating in the New Mexico District Tournament, June 2-4, in Clovis, N.M., with teams from New Mexico and

The El Paso Sun organization is under the direction of Elizabeth Candelaria, who saw a need and had a vision for promoting girl's basketball in El Paso and hopes to bring regional and national recognition the area.

The El Paso Sun are also looking for sponsors and donations to make competing in the AAU National Tournament a reality. Suns' supporters will hold a fundraiser from 6 - 10 p.m., Sunday, June 11, at the Taco Cabana, located at 1717 Lee Trevino. Customers who mention that they would like to support the El Paso Sun team when order-



ing their food will have a portion team. of their purchase donated to the El Paso Sun's 11U girls' basketball

The Amateur Athletic Union in the U.S. A multi-sport organiza- ment of amateur sports and physical (AAU) is one of the largest, non-

EL PASO SUN SHINES — The El Paso Sun basketball team has qualified for national competition. Clockwise from top left is Emily Sanchez, Yessena Cazares, Pamela Barrios, Shyanne Portillo, Josie Flores, Vania Anane, Leslie Caballero, and Kristen Arce.

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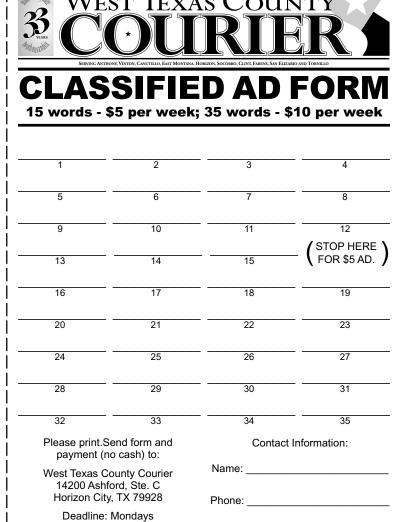
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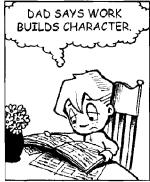
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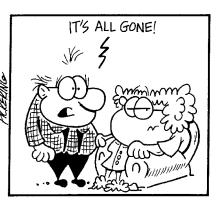




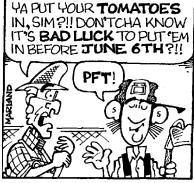
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Integrity now on sale

By Don Flood

Today we're going to discuss journalistic integrity, and no, that's not an oxymoron.

(An oxymoron, for you "wordsmiths" out there, is a "moronic statement, such as might be made by an ox.")

Journalists have always prided themselves on integrity — at least when we can afford it — but gossip columnist Richard Johnson of the "New York Post" recently broke new ground.

It's one thing to talk the talk, but you gotta walk the walk. Know what I mean? (Yeah, I don't know either, but I hear that a lot on TV.)

Oh sure, it's easy to talk about integrity, but can you act with integrity when someone hands you a bribe worth \$50,000?

Well, Johnson has proven he can. He has repeatedly and courageously put his integrity on the line, accepting free gifts, trips and even a mega-bachelor party.

And did this influence his coverage? Not one bit, according to "New York Post" spokesman Howard Rubenstein. (The following is a certified true quote.) "Richard will not let his coverage be determined by anything he may have received for free, or any other benefits, including trips and the bachelor party."

And this was no run-of-the-mill bachelor party. It was a true test of integrity.

The party, described in the "New York Daily News" as costing in "excess of \$50,000," was hosted by Joe Francis, producer of "Girls Gone Wild," the popular and highly regarded documentary series that examines the relationship between alcohol, video cameras and the spontaneous removal of women's garments.

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Guidelines, which I follow when I feel like it, the following three paragraphs represent a gratuitous digression.)

The current theory is that the combination somehow causes Tshirts and bathing suit tops to "explode" off young women. This is especially true of college girls, though no one quite knows why.

Scientists believe there is a causal relationship, but stress that more research is needed — a lot more research.

"We're looking forward to 'Girls Gone Wild XXXIII' and hope it sheds more light on, well, you know," said Dr. Howard Horndogg, chairman of Spontaneous Clothing Removal Studies Department at Beach Blanket Bingo University, an innovative, cutting-edge research institution that conducts classes right on the beach.

(End of digression.)

Imagine being so confident of your integrity that you can accept a \$50,000 party in your honor.

I used to think I had integrity boatloads of it - but now I wonder: How come no one's trying to

Do they think I lack the moral fiber to handle a large bribe? That's an insult!

Obviously, this situation needs to be rectified.

Open Letter to Joe Francis: I don't represent a big paper like the "New York Post," but I'd like to think that my integrity matches or even exceeds — that of Mr. Johnson.

Accordingly, I would appreciate it if you would consider me for a bribe of \$100,000, as I hope to prove my superior integrity.

And just like Johnson, I promise no favorable coverage.

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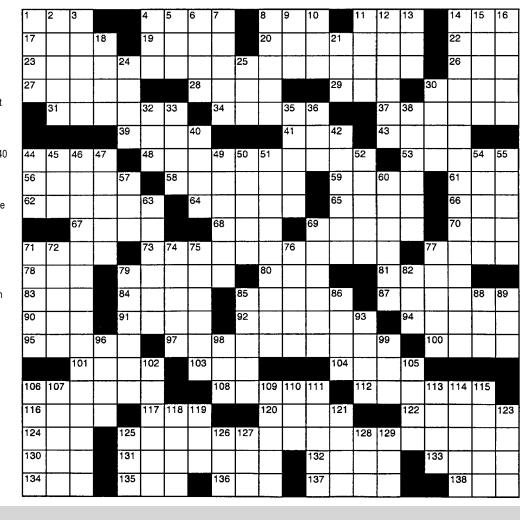
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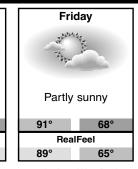
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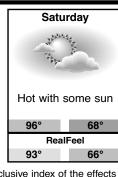
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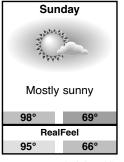
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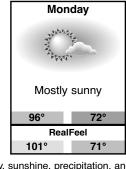


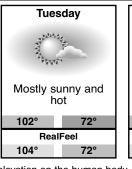




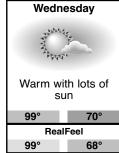








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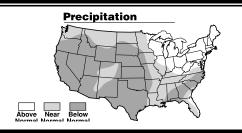
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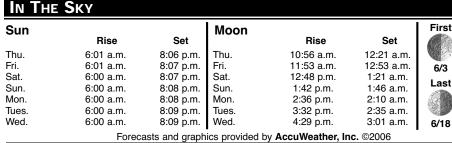
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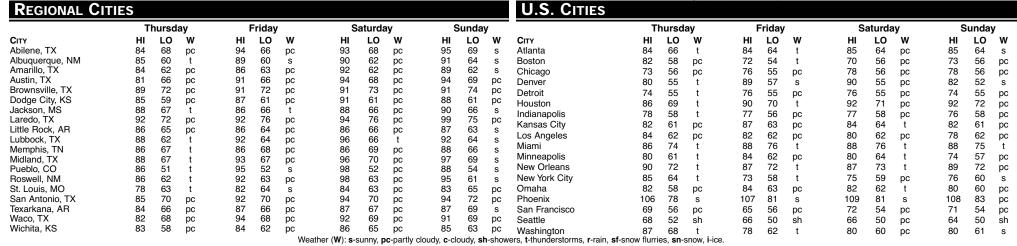
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