

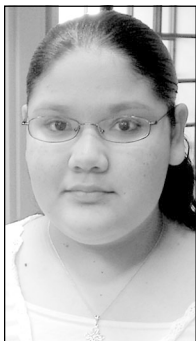


## NEWSBRIEFS

### High school scholar

The National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS) selected Mission Early College High School Freshman Sonia F. Garcia for membership, according to SISD spokesman Irma Flores. The Society recognizes the top

scholars in the nation and invites only those students who have achieved superior academic excellence. Membership in NSHSS entitles qualified students to a wide variety of benefits including scholarship opportunities, academic competitions, fee events and member-only resources. "Being a member, I'll have access to conferences nationwide and have the opportunity to study abroad," says the 15-year-old. "Our vision is to build a dynamic international organization that connects members with meaningful resources and opportunities," state NSHSS President James Lewis. "We aim to help students like Sonia build on their academic success and enhance the skills and desires to have a positive impact on the global community."



Sonia F. Garcia

### Tragedy avoided

An accident in San Elizario on Saturday evening, May 5, that could have ended in tragedy is being called a "miracle." According to law enforcement, Adriana Flores was parking her van when her three-year-old son unfastened his seatbelt from the booster seat and climbed out. The child fell underneath the vehicle and was run over, struck by the right rear tire. He was immediately transported to R.E. Thomason General Hospital with reports of serious lower abdominal injuries — but was later released after being treated for only minor injuries. "When I got the page I was expecting the worst case scenario," said Sergeant Jim Belknap, Criminal Investigation Division, El Paso County Sheriff's Office. "The little boy suffered minor injuries and has been released from the hospital. Sometimes divine intervention presents miracles — I'll take that any day of the week." According to a witness statement, Flores pulled up to the residence and stopped while another person exited the vehicle to open a gate. The gate-opener got back into the vehicle but didn't completely secure the car door. As the driver was parking the vehicle the little boy exited the van. The name of the injured child is being withheld as an investigation continues. The case is being listed as an "Accident on Private Property," Sgt. Belknap said.

### In other news

■ A 1993 maroon Ford F150 rolled over and came to rest on its roof in the 2100

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## Canutillo ISD partners with Big Brothers Big Sisters to open SMART Center

By Alfredo Vasquez  
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO — Canutillo Independent School District has partnered with Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) to open the new SMART (Serving and Mentoring At-Risk Teens) Center at the Canutillo Middle School campus, 7311 Bosque Road, to offer a place for BBBS participants to meet and play, to get help with homework, and to engage in arts and crafts activities.

CISD and BBBS representatives were on hand at the ribbon-cutting ceremony recently to officially inaugurate the partnership. Performing the ribbon cutting duties were Lisa Budtke, BBBS Board of Directors chairperson, and Dr. Monica Reyes-Garcia, Canutillo Middle School principal.

The SMART Center will be open during regular school hours, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily, and until 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays. It will also be open during the summer and will follow the District's summer school program schedule.

"Opening the SMART Center is a great way for BBBS to be more integrated with the district, because we have been able to form many Big Brothers Big Sisters matches in the Canutillo schools," said Beth Senger, Chief Ex-



— Photo courtesy Canutillo ISD

**A SMART MOVE — Big Brothers Big Sisters and Canutillo ISD joint efforts have combined to open the SMART Center on the Canutillo Middle School campus. Shown in photo from left, Lisa Budtke, BBBS Board Chairperson, and Dr. Monica Reyes-Garcia, CMS principal, cut the ribbon to officially open the center.**

ecutive Officer of BBBS of El Paso.

BBBS and Americorps VISTA volunteers will man the Center, said Olga Rodriguez, SMART Center coordinator for BBBS. The Center is funded through grants received by BBBS and CISD.

"I have been a Big for the past two years, and I understand the importance of a community program such as this. Since we had the available space, it was important to help BBBS establish a permanent presence in this area. This is one of the ways that we can support them," said Dr. Reyes-Garcia.

## Two SISD schools receive national recognition

By Irma Flores  
Special to the Courier

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — Two schools in the Socorro Independent School District are among 81 campuses nationwide to be recognized by the American School Counselor Association.

Socorro High School and Ernesto Serna are the only two Texas schools to receive the RAMP designation. School with the RAMP or Recognized American School Counselor Association Model Program designation means the campus has implemented a model school counseling program based on the national model. This means that counselors are in the classrooms delivering lessons to all students,

provide individual and group support, collect data showing impact of their program.

"Last year El Dorado High School and Bill Sybert received it. Presently we are the only four schools in the state of Texas to have achieved this honor. There were 125 applications this year and 81 received the RAMP," says Hilda Lopez, Director of Guidance and Counseling at Socorro ISD.

Counseling programs submit a portfolio with evidence of program implementation in 13 areas which are given to national evaluators for review. This designation not only distinguishes these schools, but it also encourages school counselors nationwide to continue to strive for success.

"This makes us accountable to all our stakeholders," says Lucy Caballero Socorro High School Counselor. "We are ranked with the best schools in the US. It shows that we go beyond what is required for school counseling programs."

Other members of the Socorro High School Counseling team are Sonia Ugarte-Gil, Mary Parazo, Ralph Farmer, Sylvia Marti, Gil Gallegos, and Martin Sanchez. Counselors at Ernesto Serna Team are Tammi Mackeben and Norma Guerra.

"We were excited to learn our school received this designation," says Mackeben. "This helps us look at our program and



— Photo courtesy Socorro ISD

**ERNESTO SERNA COUNSELORS — Tammi Mackeben and Norma Guerra.**

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## Mock bio-terrorism event leaves Anthony better prepared

By Don Woodyard  
Courier Staff Writer

ANTHONY — Today, residents of the Upper Valley are better prepared to handle major emergency situations.

Under the direction of the El Paso County Health and Environmental District, a POD (Point of Dispensing) drill was held April 25 in the gym of Anthony Middle School. Approximately 40-50 volunteers took part in the half-day drill to evaluate staffing procedures for setting up and running a POD during an emergency such as a bio-terrorism threat.

"Overall, things went very, very, well," says John Carrillo, Anthony ISD's director of technology and communication and volunteer coordinator. Carrillo says he was impressed with the broad scope of volunteer support. He cites the performance of emergency responder personnel, numerous AISD teachers as well as members of city government, including Anthony Mayor Art Franco.

The volunteers manned seven stations in the POD. They included registering people coming through, some who served as "patients." There was also a first aid area and evaluation of seriousness of the illness of those patients in a triage concept.

Carrillo says he first got the official notification about the mock emergency at 6:30 p.m. the evening before. He initiated a "calling tree" in which he calls four key people who, in turn, notifies others about the situation.

Rosalinda Garcia, an SNS (Strategic National Stockpile) planner with the health and environmental district, echoed Carrillo approval of the project. "It went very well. We learned a lot," she adds. "The objective was met."

"The volunteers got a new perspective, and we all got insight into just how a POD should run."

She indicated some minor improvements such as changing forms and using a different procedure for crowd control. A formal debriefing was to be held May 9.

Garcia says the district is considering holding a drill in Horizon City in about four months.

In other Anthony action:

Several applications have been received for the position of superintendent of the Anthony ISD. Superintendent Vern Butler is stepping down at the end of this school year after more than 30 years in the education field.

Deadline for applications was May 4, accepted by the Region 19 Education Service Center and turned over to the AISD board of trustees. Dr. James Vasquez, executive director of Region 19, said following application review, the board will conduct interviews the week of May 14-18. A finalist will be named May 22.

"I hate to lose (Butler) for the region," Vasquez says. "He has done a tremendous job for the district." Butler says he will stay on into June.

The Exchange Club of El Paso formally presented a Freedom Shrine to the Anthony School District at its April 17 board meeting. The Freedom Shrine, which is on display in the foyer of the theater at Anthony High School, consists of 32 plaques, documents which reflect major events in U.S. history. They include the Declaration of Independence, the Bill of Rights, Washington's Farewell Address, Lincoln's Gettysburg Address and the U.S. Constitution.

*All the world lives in two tents: content and discontent.*

— Quips & Quotes



# One perspective

By Francis Shrum

## People signs

I walked in through huge sliding glass doors and was greeted by a friendly security guard. He asked me for identification and to sign a log sheet. Then he handed me a badge with a clip on the back.

“You must have this visible on your person at all times while you are in the facility,” he said. Then he grinned. “If you remove *it*, I’ll have to remove *you*.”

I found myself thinking about other kinds of emblems that we humans have felt compelled to attach to ourselves and to others as an outward sign of who a person is, or what our purpose may be.

It seems as inherent to our nature as breathing — as if we believe that if we label a person visibly, this designation becomes real.

Otherwise, it only exists in our minds.

One prominent example of marking men has been the various ways that governmental authorities have chosen to label people they consider undesirable or worthy of persecution — either rightly or wrongly.

The Jewish people have been forced to exhibit outward forms of identification through their long and difficult history, including the infamous tattooing of numbers on their limbs during WWII.

Persons convicted of crimes in numerous cultures have been given various physical marks, including chopping off hands, gouging out an eye, branding a cheek, or cutting out a tongue.

Emblems designated by authority are not always bad, of course. The most common form of emblematic behavior is a uniform, and with good reason. Uniforms are not only convenient but necessary to identify a specific person’s position and responsibility.

That’s how we recognize the police officer, the doctor, the soldier. If the mailman is without a uniform our dog may not know who to bite.

Still, we seem so attached to emblems that we not only use them if they are given or forced on us, but we spend time and effort picking out just the right ones and applying them to ourselves. We often try to identify ourselves with certain jewelry, hair styles, and articles of clothing.

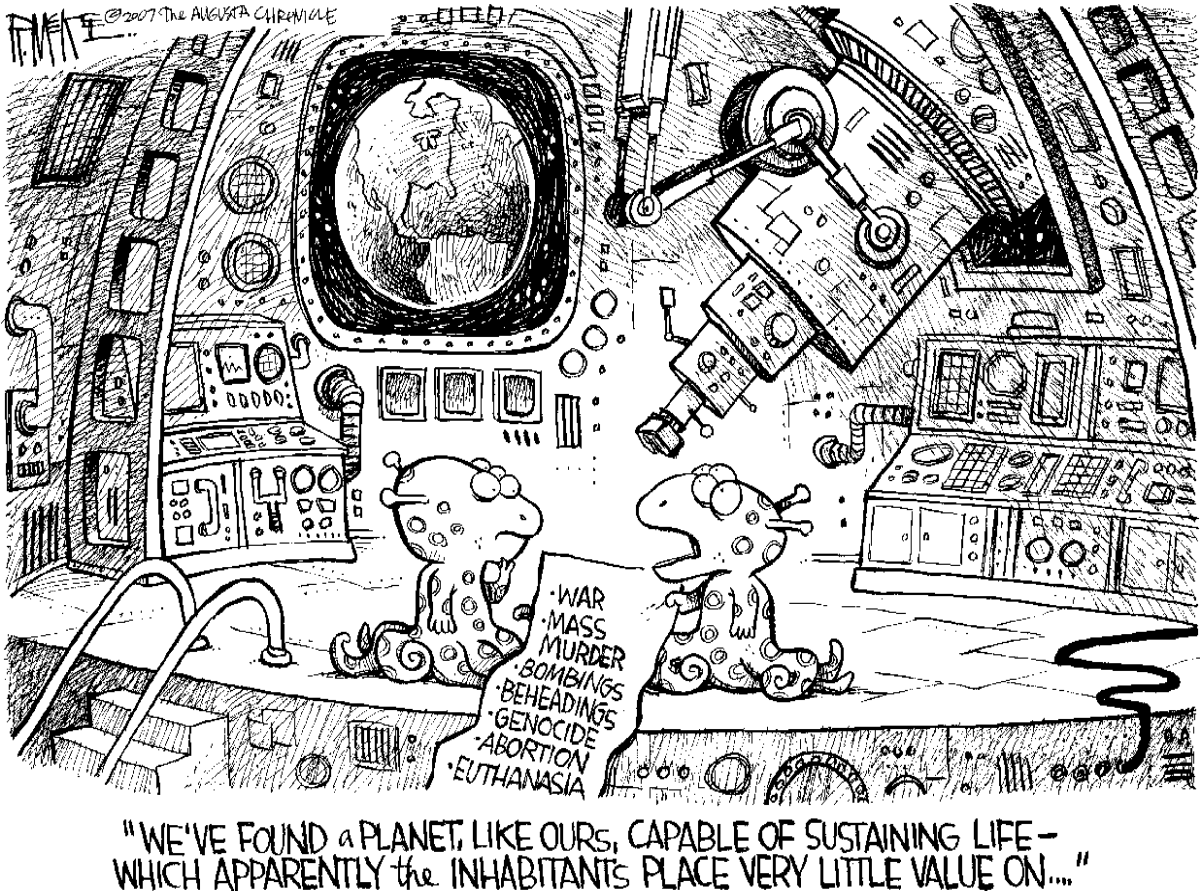
Primary among these emblems are tattoos. People in a huge number of cultures expend a great deal of time, effort, creativity, pain and money to embed emblems into their skin with ink and needles.

While this may seem primitive, it is far from going out of style. Neither are piercings of various kinds. We have re-adopted some forms of piercings that, in years past, would have been considered barbaric and certainly socially unacceptable. Eyebrows, lips, noses, stomachs, tongues and other body parts shot through with metal are now common place among our young as emblems of “who we are.”

I recently learned some things about bikers and motorcycle clubs and the “colors” they wear, which are emblems of their specific groups. So important to them are these emblems that they will forcibly remove them from people who have not been designated part of their group. They will also modify their own behavior in certain ways depending on whether or not they are wearing their colors.

Another biggie is the importance of a player’s number within a sports team, especially if they are on the

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## Reyes Reports

By U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes

### Legislation to spur our economy

Recently, I introduced legislation that will help boost economic development in the border region. H.R. 2068, The Southwest Regional Border Authority Act, will provide assistance to economically-distressed communities on the border to create and implement strategies to reduce poverty and improve the quality of life for border residents.

Last week, I along with some of my colleagues, Representatives Henry Cuellar, Bob Filner and Ciro Rodriguez, testified before the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure to express our support for the creation of a Southwest Regional Border Authority.

This important legislation addresses one of the most critical issues facing the Southwest Border region — persistent poverty. According to research compiled by the Interagency Task Force on the Economic Development of the Southwest Border, over 20 percent of the residents in the border region live below the poverty level. Unemployment rates often reach as high as five times the national unemployment rate while the lack of adequate access to capital has made it difficult to generate new business in the region.

I am convinced that economic development in border communities is difficult to stimulate without assistance from the government, private sector, and community non-profits. The bill would establish a five-member Authority, comprising the four Southwest Border state governors and a federal member (confirmed by the U.S. Senate). The primary purpose of the Authority is to award grants to economically distressed communities for projects that stimulate economic development in one of four categories: (1) infrastructure development; (2) technology development and deployment; (3) education and workforce development; and (4) community development and entrepreneurship. The bill also establishes a “ground-up” development planning process, which would ensure that the projects funded by the Authority represent local and regional development priorities.

The Southwest Regional Border Authority would address development strategies in all counties within 150 miles of the U.S.-Mexico border. This region contains 11 counties in New Mexico, 65 counties in Texas, 10 counties in Arizona, and 7 counties in California for a combined population of approximately 29 million.

Congress has created several economic development commissions across the nation to help other regions deal with similar problems of economic distress including, the Appalachian Regional Commission, the Delta Regional Authority, the Denali Commission, and the Northern Great Plains Regional Authority. The Southwest border is a large area of distress that is not yet served by a regional commission.

By bringing together regional leaders who have different perspectives, accomplishments, and challenges, this authority will help coordinate planning to seek federal grant funding that will best service the families in our region.

## Bill Armas runs for Horizon City Council

HORIZON CITY — Bill Armas, candidate for Alderman Place 7 in the May 12 Horizon City elections has long been interested in the growth and development of Horizon City. This will be his second candidacy.

Armass, who attends and participates regularly in council meetings, said he turned down opportunities to be appointed to council when vacancies occurred due to resignations. However, he decided to run for office after becoming concerned that decisions were being made outside of public meeting and that the meeting agenda was being manipulated.

He also said he has concerns about the lack of cooperation being demonstrated by the council.

“My belief is that, no matter who is chosen as a leader, you work with them and not against them. You must work as a team and put your differences aside,” he said. “At a recent city council meeting (I heard) an alderman make the comment that the city council runs the city and not the citizens. Whatever happened to representing what the citizens want and need?”

Armass was nominated by Mayor Raymond Morales to the Planning and Zoning Board and appointed unanimously by the City Council in October 2006. Among items he supported

were locating a stop light at Horizon and Kenazo to make way for a Walgreen’s drug store; rezoning 22 acres to be compatible with plans for a potential Wal-Mart location and approval of high-value condos to be built where the old Horizon Lodge stood.

“I am a life-long resident of El Paso and a citizen of Horizon City for the last three and a half years,” he said. “I plan to stay in our town. This is evident by the roots I have established.” A Charter member of the Eastlake Lions Club, Armass assisted city organizers with 2006 Christmas Parade.

“Horizon City has several parks and we must work to improve them. We must give our youths some programs and responsibilities, so they can also be proud of their community,” Armass said. “We must clean up our streets and empty lots. We can work with the school districts.

“Horizon City presently has an award winning CERT team, organized by the police department. Why stop there? Let’s organize more neighborhood watch groups to help curb the graffiti problems and watch out for our neighbors.

“I am not a flashy suit and tie person. I will reach out spend time with the citizens of Horizon City and listen to their concerns,” Armass said.

## Paul Guerra seeks SISD Trustee District 4 seat

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — Paul Guerra wants to be Socorro Independent School District Trustee for District 4 because, he said, the district deserves active representation that is not involved with special interests.

“The time to select a representative to serve on the SISD Board of Trustees is upon us once again. I have the honor of being a candidate for our area in District 4,” Guerra said.

“I am a political newcomer and I do not subscribe to the ideals of special interest.

“As a former educator, husband of an educator, and father of three school age children, I want what all working families want — active representation. I believe that my background affords me a unique insight into the education system with a fiscally responsible perspective.

“My candidacy is focused on fiscal responsibility, choice on issuing debt, support for our teachers, and involvement in our schools.

“I firmly believe that a trustee must do a little more than just talk. He must act. It is time for us to roll up our sleeves and work to give our children a brighter tomorrow. The only way to ensure the success of our children is by being involved.

“The first step in getting involved is voting. As a voter you are the first line of defense against bad public policy. District 4 is long overdue for a change in representation. I strongly encourage you to make an informed decision.

Knowledge is power and as a voter, you have to power to make the necessary changes for our school district.

“With that, I humbly ask for your support and vote on May 12,” Guerra said.

Guerra’s candidacy is endorsed by State Rep. Chente Quintanilla, the *El Paso Times* and the Greater El Paso Association of Realtors. He is a 1993 graduate of UTEP and postgraduate in Business Administration. A former Canutillo ISD educator and coach, Guerra is now active in the business community through his employment with Rexcel Coating, Fields & Company, and Ferguson. He is the father of three-year-old triplets with wife Ann Apodaca Guerra.

## Ortega seeking election to Horizon City Alderman Place 5

HORIZON CITY — Charlie Ortega, a six-year resident of Horizon City, is seeking election to the Horizon City Council, Place 5.

“I am excited to announce that I am a candidate for Alderman Place 5 in the upcoming Horizon City election,” Ortega said. “I love our town and believe it has tremendous potential. I know I have a lot to offer so I am again seeking public office.

“I know from past experience that every vote truly counts. I ran for city alderman a year ago and came up only eight votes short.”

Ortega reminded voters that election day is Saturday, May 12.

He said he and wife, Rosie, have been married for eight years, and six of them have been as residents of Horizon City. “We are committed to raising our family in this community,” Ortega said. “We have five children: Mark, Matthew, Michelle, Maybel, and Mindy. Michelle, our oldest, attends Horizon Heights Elementary. You may know me from the Dollar General where I am employed as a manager. My civic involvement includes work with *Viva! El Paso*; I serve on the County of El Paso Juvenile Probation Department Committee; and I volunteered time and energy helping our Senior Citizens with landscaping and yard work.”

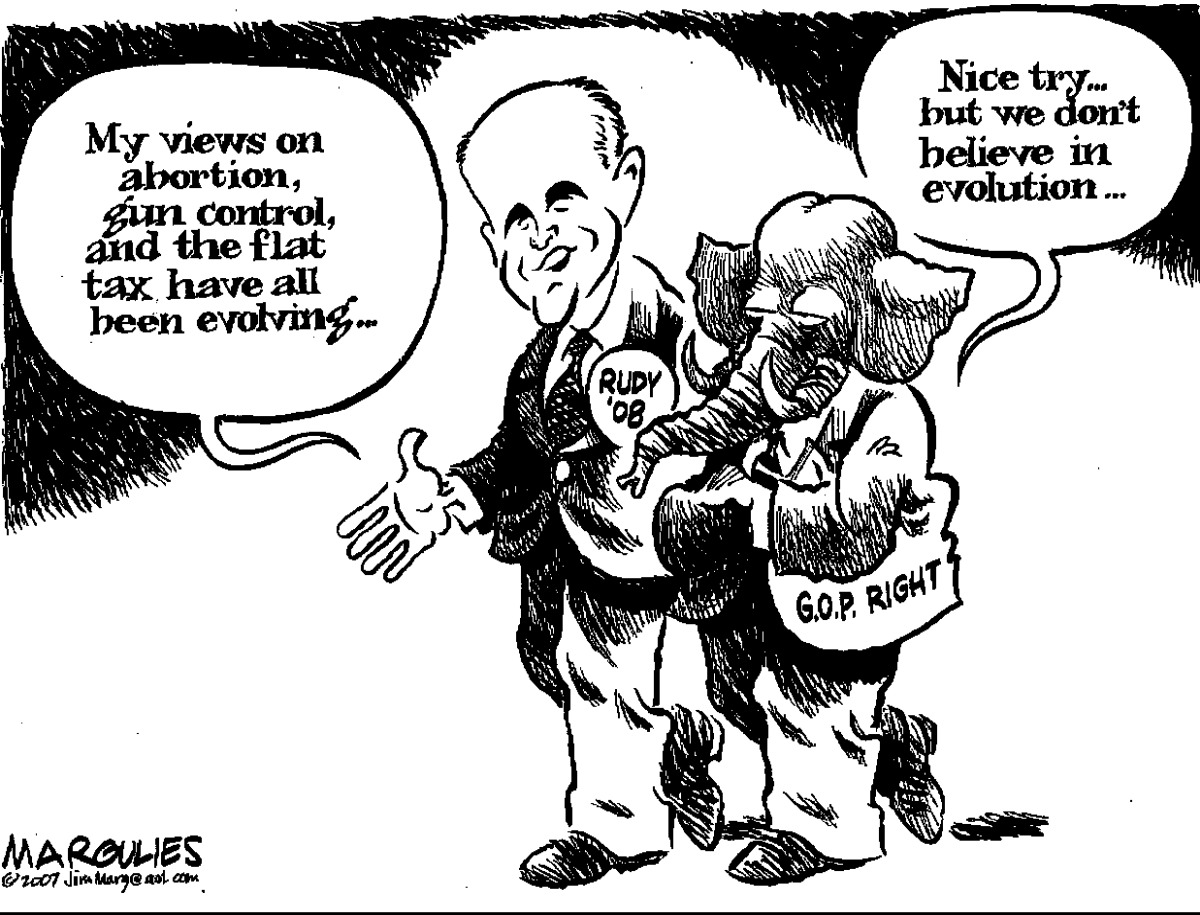
Ortega said Horizon City is experiencing unprecedented growth that must be channeled into a planned and logical process.

“Smart planning is necessary to anticipate future problems. One of the problems that we need to address is traffic congestion,” he said.

He said Horizon City has an appointee to the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) which is made up of local and state officials from all over the El Paso area and, in addition to planning for transportation needs, MPO meetings are an opportunity for officials to “network” and informally discuss local problems and issues.

“However, (Horizon’s appointee) has not taken advantage of this important post to deal with the important need for a stop light at Eastlake and Darrington Road. We need to take advantage of opportunities like the MPO to advance the needs of Horizon City. We may be a small town, but we can be successful if all of our officials stand tall and fight for us. If I am elected, I promise to work for a stop light at this intersection and to fight for your interests at City Hall and beyond.

“I think it is vital for local representatives to maintain contact with their constituents. If you have questions about my platform and priorities, please call me directly. My phone number is 852-2013. I look forward to meeting with you all on the campaign trail,” Ortega said.



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Town of Anthony, Texas

United States Department of Agriculture  
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Town of Anthony will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 29, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. at Anthony Town Hall, 401 Wildcat Drive, Anthony, Texas to receive input from the citizens on a proposed submission of an application to U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development.

Town of Anthony is anticipating submission of an application for \$5,199,246.00 for Water and Wastewater Improvements for the town of Anthony.

The citizens are urged to attend and state their consents or objections at this meeting. A project summary will be outlined at this time.

Citizens unable to attend may submit their views and proposals to Anthony Town Hall, 401 Wildcat Drive, Anthony, Texas 79821.

Art Franco  
Mayor

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PUBLIC NOTICE

El Paso County Water Control  
& Improvement District No. 4

United States Department of Agriculture  
Rural Development Loan Grant Application

El Paso County Water Control & Improvement District No. 4 will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, May 29, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. at the EPCWCID #4 District Office Board Room, 117 E. Main Street, Fabens, Texas to receive input from the citizens on a proposed submission of an application to U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development.

El Paso County Water Control & Improvement District No. 4 is anticipating submission of an application for \$628,013 for water projects.

Citizens are urged to attend and state their consents or objections at this meeting. A project summary will be outlined at this time.

Citizens unable to attend may submit their views and proposals to the El Paso County Water Control & Improvement District No. 4, P.O. Box 3880, Fabens, Texas 79838-3880. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact Geri de la Torre at (915) 764-2212 to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids should contact the District Office at least 2 days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

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What's up, doc?

By Albert Balesh, M.D.

When old is new

Machines hum, oscilloscopes beep, and telemetry thunders. In today's world of impersonal, high-tech medicine, it has become downright tough to get well, what with all those inanimate eyes staring at us. As we long for the days of house calls, glass thermometers, enemas, kind words, gentle hands, and a reassuring smile, we come to realize that those times are long gone. Were the patients of yesteryear any more deserving than we are? Were the physicians of the past any more competent and compassionate than their contemporary compadres? Where has all the love gone? Personally, my ticker refuses to play for an audience of lifeless electrodes, cathode-ray screens, sonic probes, and drones, in the absence of the expert and caring supervision of a human conductor.

The human side of medicine has been forgotten or, at the least, overlooked for far too long now. Patients' emotions and concerns are no less important than their physical ailments. To ignore the former inevitably exacerbates the latter. The human mind and spirit are quite sensitive and all too discerning. They sense a wolf in sheep's clothing and a physician in a hurry. While this has become the status quo, the name of the game should be patience and putting the patient's psyche at ease. When this is accomplished, only good things can follow.

The attitude and conduct of a physician in the presence of a patient, namely bedside manner, is an art form created and perfected over

countless years of observation and relation to innumerable faces whose names are long forgotten. The maladies etched in those countenances, however, are the stuff of a physician's long-term memory, sleepless nights, and vivid nightmares. Doctors of old knew this, and sought every conceivable opportunity to learn from their patients. Medical texts and learning tools were mere ancillary implements, clarifying a gospel expounded by the sick, but not replacing it. Our healers of today, with their personal data assistants (PDAs), laptop computers, portable instruments, and fiber optics are more "wired" than ever to their patients, and yet there is no real connection. What Bruce Springsteen once said in a lyric, our men and women in white have forgotten in a song. The intangible power of "human touch" is what makes the moderately or severely ill feel secure, supported, cared for, and understood. Human touch is what makes them get better.

As doctors hurry between examining rooms, hide in inner sanctums, and shield themselves behind legions of gatekeepers, they lose sight of the fact that they are fooling no one. The sick, for the most part, recognize that their health care providers are human, and stressed out over the demands and productivity of managed care. So, why not meet each other half way? Symbiosis is a beautiful thing, and give-and-take can be mutually beneficial. A joke, a pat on the back, or the mischievous wink of an eye consumes seconds, minutes at most. The return on it, in an outpatient, can be notable, especially since upwards of 80 percent of people who visit a medical office are not stricken by strange and exotic medical dilemmas. They simple don't feel well. Com-

plicity, in the noblest sense of the word, in resolving the day-to-day trials and tribulations of a patient's life, not only achieves more than truckloads of medical silver bullets and heroic measures, but is curative in most cases.

Inpatients, on the other hand, are horses of a different color. While computers and electronic medical records enable our knights in white armor to detail and annotate a myriad of signs, symptoms, and complaints from A to Z, archival collections of bytes are as useless as buried treasure, if the reasons for their existence succumb for wont of humanity and psychologic sustenance, rather than science.

Placebos, psychosomatics, and hypochondriasis have shown us that the mind really does exert an overbearing influence on matter. That being the case, why has it taken so long for physicians to embrace this, or, if they accept it as a forgone conclusion, why have they been so reluctant to put the tenet into practice? Shakespeare stated it succinctly in *Julius Caesar*, "Men at some time are masters of their fates. The fault, dear Brutus, is not in our stars, but in ourselves, that we are underlings." As physicians, we must break the current mold, and, not meaning to sound trite, proverbially return to the future.

Patients must never be backed into a corner, left to apply the principle of *caveat emptor*, i.e., that they be ultimately responsible for assessing and directing the quality of their medical care. That onus rests proactively with their caregivers, whose return to the old will inevitably revitalize the new.

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Public information kiosk available at City Hall

By Jack Galindo  
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY — El Pasoans now have an additional resource when searching for information online. The El Paso Public Library has established an e-(electronic) Branch Library public information kiosk located at City Hall which gives citizens an opportunity to access important City services and resources online.

The e-Branch Library kiosk provides online access to El Paso's most important Web sites including the City of El Paso Web site, the State of Texas Web site, the El Paso Public Library site and many more. Citizens can use the Kiosk to find a particular City or County service, search public records, pay traffic citations, search for library books, search for jobs or for hundreds of other reasons. The e-Branch kiosk is free and available during normal working hours in the lobby at City Hall. For more information call 543-5412.

Following the severe impact to much of Texas and the Gulf Coast by hurricanes Katrina and Rita, Public Information Kiosk, Inc. of Maryland jumped in to assist, providing 25 e-Branch Libraries in the states of Mississippi,

Louisiana, Texas and Alabama. El Paso Public Library received one of these unique information kiosks last year. City Hall was determined to be an ideal location, and following some planned renovations to the first floor of City Hall, the e-Branch Library is now situated right next to the café on the first floor.

The e-Branch is incredibly easy to use, equipped with a touch screen that provides direct access to El Paso Public Library resources, the City website, and — because the original intent of the kiosk was to assist hurricane victims — access to FEMA resources and housing assistance. Because few people in the El Paso area require hurricane assistance, the resources available will soon be modified to provide access to other local agencies and assistance. The kiosk is also equipped with a telephone that takes users directly to the Information Desk of the Main Library for personalized assistance.

"We are pleased to be able to provide this great resource for the people of El Paso," said Library Director Carol Brey-Casiano. "The new e-Branch Library provides fast access to current information that our community needs, as evidenced by the over 150 people who used it during the first week it was operational!"

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ter meet the needs of our students." ASCA supports school counselors' efforts to help students focus on academic, personal/social and career development so they not only achieve success in school but are prepared to

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PERMIT NO.  
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**APPLICATION.** Town of Anthony, PO Box 1269, Anthony, Texas 79821, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to renew Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0010120001 (EPA I.D. No. TX0090522) to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater at a volume not to exceed a daily average flow of 565,000 gallons per day. The domestic wastewater treatment facility is located approximately 2,000 feet west of State Highway 20 and 4,000 feet south of Farm-to-Market Road 1905 in El Paso County, Texas. The discharge route is from the plant site to La Tuna Arroyo Agricultural Drain; thence to the El Paso County Water Improvement District No. 1 East Drain; thence to Rio Grande above International Dam. TCEQ received this application on March 1, 2007. The permit application is available for viewing and copying at Anthony Town Hall, 401 Wildcat Drive, Anthony, Texas.

**ADDITIONAL NOTICE.** TCEQ's Executive Director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. After technical review of the application is complete, the Executive Director may prepare a draft permit and will issue a preliminary decision on the application. **Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision** will be published and mailed to those who are on the county-wide mailing list and to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the deadline for submitting

public comments.

**PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING.** You may submit public comments or request a public meeting on this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING.** After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. **Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments, and the Executive Director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision and for requesting a contested case hearing.** A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court.

**TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST: your name, address, phone number; applicant's name and proposed permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the proposed facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; and, the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing."** If the request for contested case hearing is

filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests of the group seeks to protect are relevant to the group's purpose.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

The Commission will only grant a contested case hearing on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues that were raised in timely filed comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. TCEQ may act on an application to renew a permit for discharge of wastewater without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.

**MAILING LIST.** If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and/or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

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**TACTS AND INFORMATION.** All written public comments and requests must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087. If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call TCEQ Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information about TCEQ can be found at our web site at [www.tceq.state.tx.us](http://www.tceq.state.tx.us).

Further information may also be obtained from the Town of Anthony at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Jose Gilberto Andujo, P.E., Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc., at 915-533-6811.

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PERMISO NO.  
WQ0010120001

**SOLICITUD.** Town of Anthony, PO Box 1269, Anthony, Texas 79821, ha solicitado a la Comisión de Calidad Ambiental del Estado de Texas (TCEQ) para renovar el Permiso No. WQ0010120001 (EPA I.D. No. TX0090522) del Sistema de Eliminación de Descargas de Contaminantes de Texas (TPDES) para autorizar la descarga de aguas residuales tratadas en un volumen que no sobrepasa un flujo promedio diario de 565,000 galones por día. La planta de tratamiento de aguas residuales domésticos está ubicada 2,000 pies al oeste de State Highway 20 y 4,000 pies sur de Farm-to-Market Road en el Condado de El Paso Texas. La ruta de descarga es del sitio de la planta al

La Tuna Arroyo Agrícola Drain desde allí al El Paso County Water Improvement District No. 1 East Drain; desde allí al Rio Grande arriba de Internacional Dam. La TCEQ recibió esta solicitud 1 Marzo 2007. La solicitud para el permiso está disponible para leerla y copiarla en Anthony Town Hall, 401 Wildcat Drive, Anthony, Texas.

**A V I S O ADICIONAL.** El Director Ejecutivo de la TCEQ ha determinado que la solicitud es administrativamente completa y conducirá una revisión técnica de la solicitud. Después de completar la revisión técnica, el Director Ejecutivo puede preparar un borrador del permiso y emitirá una Decisión Preliminar sobre la solicitud. **El aviso de la solicitud y la decisión preliminar serán publicados y enviado a los que están en la lista de correo de las personas a lo largo del condado que desean recibir los avisos y los que están en la lista de correo que desean recibir avisos de esta solicitud.** El aviso dará la fecha límite para someter comentarios públicos.

**COMENTARIO PÚBLICO / REUNION PÚBLICA.** Usted puede presentar comentarios públicos o pedir una reunión pública sobre esta solicitud. El propósito de una reunión pública es dar la oportunidad de presentar comentarios o hacer preguntas acerca de la solicitud. La TCEQ realiza una reunión pública si el Director Ejecutivo determina que hay un grado de interés público suficiente en la solicitud o si un legislador local lo pide. Una reunión pública no es una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso.

**OPORTUNIDAD DE UNA AUDIENCIA ADMINISTRATIVA DE LO CONTENCIOSO.** Después del plazo para presentar comentarios públicos, el Director Ejecutivo considerará todos los comentarios apropiados y preparará una respuesta a todos los comentarios públicos

esenciales, pertinentes, o significativos. **A menos que la solicitud haya sido referida directamente a una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso, la respuesta a los comentarios y la decisión del Director Ejecutivo sobre la solicitud serán enviados por correo a todos los que presentaron un comentario público y a las personas que están en la lista para recibir avisos sobre esta solicitud.** Si se reciben comentarios, el aviso también proveerá instrucciones para pedir una reconsideración de la decisión del Director Ejecutivo y para pedir una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso. Una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso es un procedimiento legal similar a un procedimiento legal civil en un tribunal de distrito del estado.

**PARA PEDIR UNA AUDIENCIA ADMINISTRATIVA DE LO CONTENCIOSO, USTED DEBE INCLUIR EN SU PEDIDO LOS SIGUIENTES DATOS:** su nombre; dirección; teléfono; nombre del solicitante y número del permiso; la ubicación y la distancia de su propiedad / actividad con respecto a la instalación; una descripción de la forma cómo usted sería afectado adversamente por el sitio de una manera no común al público en general; y la declaración "[Yo/nosotros] solicitamos un/a audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso". Si presenta por parte de un grupo o asociación el pedido para una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso, debe identificar el nombre y la dirección de una persona que representa al grupo para recibir correspondencia en el futuro; debe identificar un miembro del grupo que sería afectado adversamente por la planta o la actividad propuesta; debe proveer la información ya indicada anteriormente con

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Después del cierre de los períodos para los pedidos y comentarios, el Director Ejecutivo enviará la solicitud y los pedidos para reconsideración o por una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso a los Comisionados de la TCEQ para su consideración en una reunión programada de la Comisión.

La Comisión otorgará solamente un audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso sobre los hechos reales disputados del caso que son pertinentes y esenciales para la decisión de la Comisión sobre la solicitud. Además, la Comisión sólo otorgará una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso sobre los asuntos que fueron presentados antes del plazo de vencimiento y que no fueron retirados posteriormente. **Si ciertos criterios se cumplen, la TCEQ puede actuar sobre una solicitud para renovar un permiso para descargar aguas residuales sin proveer una oportunidad de una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso.**

**LISTA DE CORREO.** Si somete comentarios públicos, un pedido para una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso o una reconsideración de la decisión del Director Ejecutivo, la Oficina del Secretario Principal enviará por correo los avisos públicos en relación con la solicitud. Además, puede pedir que la TCEQ ponga su nombre en una o mas de las listas correos siguientes

(1) la lista de correo permanente para recibir los avisos de el solicitante indicado por nombre y número del permiso específico y/o (2) la lista de correo de todas las solicitudes en un condado específico. Si desea que se agregue su nombre en una de las listas designe cual lista(s) y envía por correo su pedido a la Oficina de la Secretario Principal de la TCEQ.

**CONTACTOS E INFORMACIÓN DE LA TCEQ.** Todos los comentarios escritos del público y los pedidos una reunión deben ser presentados a la Oficina del Secretario Principal, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087. Si necesita más información en Español sobre esta solicitud para un permiso o el proceso del permiso, por favor llame a la oficina de Asistencia al Público de la TCEQ, sin cobro, al 1-800-687-4040. La información general sobre la TCEQ puede ser encontrada en nuestro sitio de la red: [www.tceq.state.tx.us](http://www.tceq.state.tx.us).

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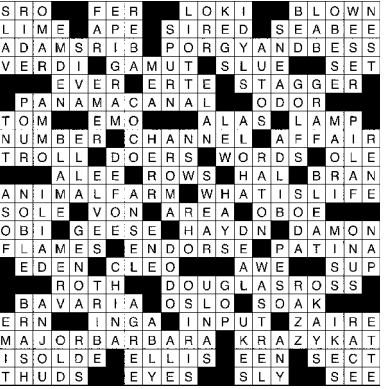
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# Nelson’s Warriors knock off Dallas, jump start interest in the playoffs

By Steve Escajeda  
Special to the Courier

I have to admit that I am just like about everybody else when it comes to watching NBA basketball — I don’t. At least not very closely, until the playoffs start.

Even then I pay a lot more attention to the later rounds. And unlike a good college matchup, I can’t sit through a whole NBA game anymore. All I’ve got to do is tune in with about four minutes left and I’ll watch all that’s worth watching.

But there was something that drew me back to the NBA last week. I caught myself tuning in at the opening tip and staying with the game until the final buzzer. And like a great movie, I

wasn’t bored once.

Of course, I was following the Golden State Warriors and their shocking dismantling of the Dallas Mavericks in the first round of the playoffs. Before the playoffs began, everyone had penciled the Mavericks into the Western Conference Finals. The only question was whether they’d get San Antonio or Phoenix as an opponent.

But apparently Dallas forgot to notify Golden State of its plans. The Warriors (42-40) had to win 9 of their last 10 games just to qualify for the playoffs, and didn’t do so until the final game of the season.

Dallas, on the other hand, had an NBA best record of 67-15 and was just three victories shy of the league record for wins in a season. Dallas had three separate 12-game winning

streaks during the year and clinched the playoffs with a month to go in the regular season.

But the Warriors had a secret weapon. No, I’m not talking about Barron Davis, who was outstanding on the court, or Jason Richardson or Stephen Jackson — I’m talking about the mastermind of this monumental upset.

The Dallas Mavericks grew into a power a few years ago under the tutelage of crafty coach Don Nelson. But remember that Nelson had some health issues early last season and had to leave the team to be led by coach Avery Johnson, who has done an outstanding job.

Well, guess who got back into coaching this season and led the Warriors past Dallas?

Don Nelson.

Maybe it was just the fact that he knew the Mavericks’ players so well that he knew

what their weaknesses were. Maybe as a coach, he knew what Avery Johnson’s weaknesses were.

Whatever the explanation, Nelson, the old veteran, pushed all the right buttons and let his basketball team do what it does best — run, run and then run some more. They ran Dallas completely out of the series.

And the main reason I kept watching this series was because the Warriors have now overtaken the Phoenix Suns as the most exciting team in the league.

I don’t know if they’ll make it any further through the playoffs but if they don’t, they’ve accomplished one thing. They’ve got people talking about the NBA again — and this time it’s because of the play on the court, instead of criminal behavior off of it.

## I was there... Garden arena seat can’t dampen excitement of De La Hoya and Mayweather face-off

By Jan Engels  
Special to the Courier

LAS VEGAS — I was there... sorta — at the MGM Grand Hotel in Las Vegas watching the famed “The World Awaits” match between Oscar De La Hoya and Floyd Mayweather, Jr. as they duked it out on May 5.

I say sorta as only one-half of the media team from the *West Texas County Courier* were awarded press credentials. My photographer was awarded them while, I, the reporter, was not. Lucky for this writer, there were scalpers in abundance and I managed to get a ticket to the closed circuit viewing in the MGM Grand

tent in the Garden arena.

The fight was worth it! The event began with double takes as Mayweather, Jr. entered the ring wearing the traditional Mexican sombrero and the Mexico colors trunks while De La Hoya wore the majestic and commanding red robe and trunks with red and white high laced shoes. Many had to question the appropriateness of a Northerner from Michigan boxer wearing the heritage colors of an East LA boxer and especially on Cinco de Mayo.

The two warriors fighting for the coveted WBC 154 pound world

championship belt gave the crowd of 16,700 their money’s worth.

From the going price of \$7,500 for front row seats to the \$3,500 “nose bleed” section of the Grand arena — everyone clearly thought it was worth it! Additional thousands watched in the Garden arena, as this writer did, and hundreds of thousands watched it at other casino locations and, of course, the lucrative “Pay for View”... all over the world.

The fight was evenly matched

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Jan Engels

## El Dorado running back heads to Minnesota

By Irma Flores  
Special to the Courier

EAST EL PASO COUNTY — In a room filled with team mates, coaches, teachers and family, El Dorado High School senior Kalil Field-Mackall is fulfilling a dream of playing college football. This fall, the senior will be suiting up for the Golden Eagles of the University of Minnesota-Crookston (UMC). With his family watching, the running back signed his letter of intent.

“When you’re a kid, you hear about playing for a college,” says Field-Mackall. “Once it gets to a level that you can play college football it’s something you push really hard for. It shows that dedication and hard work pays off.”

“Kalil has played all four years here,” says Jim Althoff, El Dorado Football Coach. “He has been the face of El Dorado football. He has been here as we have gone through the process of building this program.”

Kalil will be heading to the University of Minnesota-Crookston which is a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II. He will be trading the US-Mexico border



— Photo courtesy Socorro ISD

**SIGNING UP FOR THE FUTURE — Field-Mackall is the second El Dorado student to sign a letter of intent to play for a Division II school.**

for the US-Canadian border.

“I went to the campus and there was still snow there in April,” says Field-Mackall. “It will be a nice change of setting for me. I am ready for a change, but I know there it will be shock.”



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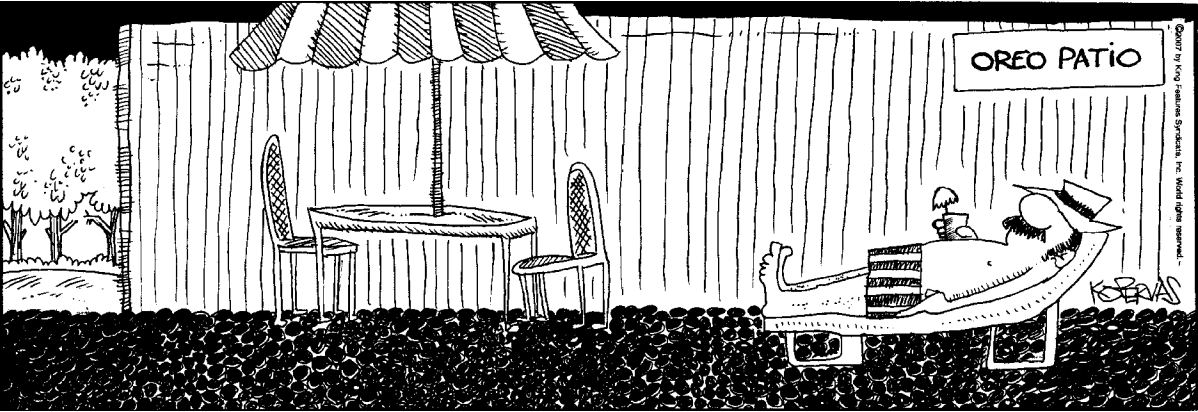
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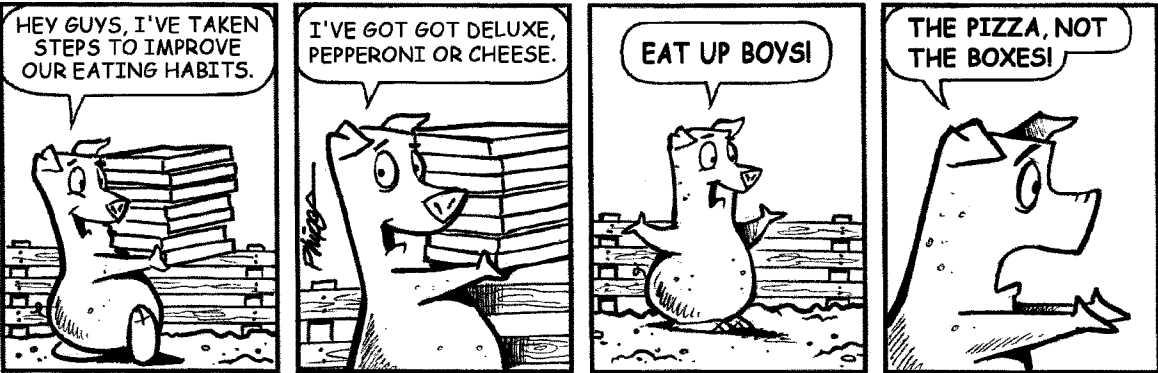
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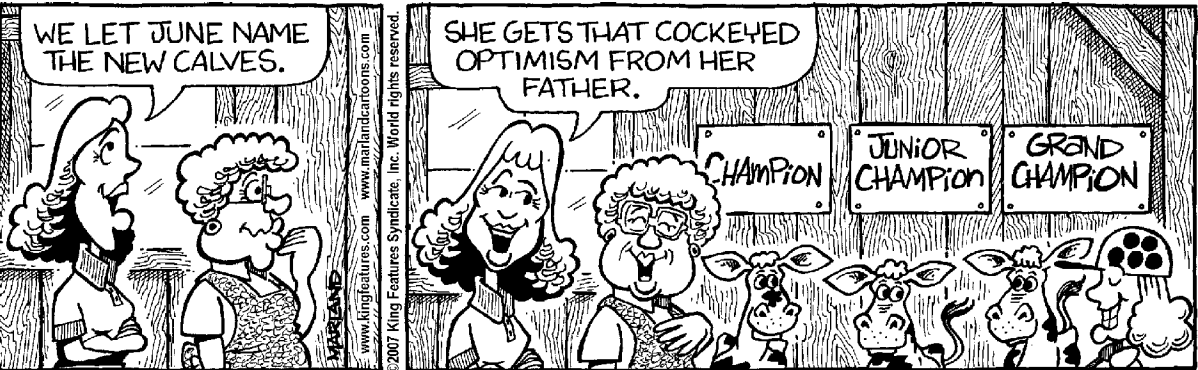
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Virtual monkeys fail at Shakespeare

By Don Flood

There’s exciting news on the virtual monkey front.

A new book, “The Iron Whim: A Fragmented History of Type-writing” (yes, this is a real book), discusses, among other topics, the well-known million-monkey problem — namely, how many years would it take a million monkeys on a million typewriters to produce Shakespeare’s “Hamlet”?

How about an episode of “Friends,” one of the really dumb ones?

How about this column?

(And no, the answer is not: “One monkey typing aimlessly for about 15 minutes, assuming nine minutes of coffee slurping.”)

Back in high school, our teachers often wondered how many students it would take to write one coherent essay. As far as I know, not one was produced during my four years of high school.

The first one to consider the million-monkey problem was, of course, Shakespeare, who grew tired of churning out hits year after year and longed to turn over his writing duties to monkeys so that he could become a *director*, which he felt would allow him first crack at the babes.

Solving the million-monkey problem has always revolved around one issue: keeping those darn monkeys *on task* in front of the keyboard.

But Dan Oliver of Scottsdale, Ariz. — this is true — has solved this problem by creating: virtual monkeys!

(Shakespeare was considered pretty smart, but he never even considered virtual monkeys.)

And Oliver put these virtual monkeys to work.

According to the book, he had these virtual monkeys slaving away — you have to read this slowly — for 42,162,500,000 billion *billion* monkey years. (They

weren’t even paid overtime!)

I think we can agree we’re talking serious monkey years here.

The virtual monkeys, however, were not particularly successful authors, although, to be fair, they never had their books hyped by Oprah.

The closest they came to reproducing Shakespeare was something similar to the first 19 characters of “The Two Gentlemen of Verona.”

From this I think it’s safe to conclude that Shakespeare’s dreams of assembling a team of live monkey writers would have ended in failure.

The closest thing to a successful experiment involving live monkeys was conducted in 1998 at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

A million monkeys were interviewed and placed in front of a million typewriters. Monitors were placed around the classrooms to ensure that no cheating (or “monkey-ing” around — HA!) was allowed.

Scientists were at first pleased when the monkeys, in short order, produced “Hamlet,” the “Brothers Karamazov” and the theme song from the “The Beverly Hillbillies.”

Later investigation, however, turned up the embarrassing revelation that the monkeys had misspelled Jed’s name as “Jeb,” thereby ruining the rhyme to “barely kept his family fed.”

Worse, three of the so-called monkeys were not monkeys at all, but apes — ringers who had been bribed with bananas.

A scandal erupted, and the experiment was quickly dubbed a “complete failure,” especially by the custodians who had to clean up after the monkeys.

Editor’s note: This column was written by virtual monkeys, but you probably knew that. The regular writer may or may not return next week.

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King Super Crossword

BY GEORGE!

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## Social Security Q&A

By Ray Vigil

# Show someone you love how much you care

On Mother’s Day, we celebrate the special people in our lives. There are a number of ways you can show someone you love how much you care. So consider doing something for them that can really make a difference. Show them how to get extra help with their Medicare prescription drug costs. The high cost of medicine can be a burden on your loved ones who have limited income and resources. Extra help — available through Social Security — can pay part of their monthly premiums, annual deductibles and prescription co-payments. The extra help could be worth an average of \$3,700 per year. To figure out if they’re eligible,

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national level. It’s a real big deal to have a player’s number retired — their emblem reserved forever in their honor.

Conflicting emblems can be a big problem, too. Sports teams like to pick mascots that are historically colorful. I don’t think there are any surviving Vikings, pirates or raiders who give a rip, but there sure are some Native Americans who do. They have

Social Security needs to know your loved one’s income and the value of their savings, investments and real estate (other than the home they live in). To qualify for the extra help, your loved one must be receiving Medicare and have income limited to \$15,315 for an individual or \$20,535 for a married couple living together.

Even if their annual income is higher, your loved ones still may be able to get some help with monthly premiums, annual deductibles and prescription co-payments.

Some examples where income may be higher include if they or their spouse:

- Support other family members

who live with them;

- Have earnings from work; or
- Live in Alaska or Hawaii; and
- Resources limited to \$11,710 for an individual or \$23,410 for a married couple living together.

Resources include such things as bank accounts, stocks and bonds. We do not count their house and car as resources.

Social Security has an easy-to-use online application that anyone — family members, friends and caregivers — can complete. You can find it at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov). To apply by phone or get an application, call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) and ask

for the Application for Help with Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Costs (SSA-1020). Or go to the nearest Social Security office.

To learn more about the Medicare prescription drug plans and special enrollment periods, visit [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov) or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227; TTY 1-877-486-2048).

So this Mother’s Day, give someone you love something special: the peace of mind that comes with knowing extra help is available with Medicare prescription drug costs. Then go one step further — help them apply. There is no better way to show how much you care.

begun to be emblematically sensitive, strenuously objecting to the use of Braves and Indians as sports mascots.

Sometimes your emblem can get you sideways with other people because of what *they* perceive that it means. If you are a good old Southern boy who sports a Confederate

flag on your vehicle, even if you don’t have a racist bone in your body, you still may not get to sing at the Cincinnati Pops. Just ask John Schneider and Tom Wopat — Bo and Luke — of *The Dukes of Hazard*.

Of all the emblems that identify people, however, I believe that we

often overlook the most important ones of all. They are unmistakable identifiers of what a person is really all about.

They can be clearly seen in the firmness of a handshake, a straight look in the eye and, best of all, the quality and sincerity of a smile.

## Tornillo Independent School District Notice of 2007 Summer Food Services Program

The Tornillo Independent School District announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Service Program. Meals will be provided free of charge to children 1 year to 18 years of age at the Tornillo I.S.D. Elementary School Cafeteria, 19200 Cobb Ave., Tornillo, Texas. The program will begin June 5, 2007 through June 25, 2007, with breakfast being served from 7:15 A.M. to 8:15 A.M. and lunch being served from 10:45 A.M. to 12:45 P.M., Mondays through Fridays. Daily menus for the Summer Food Service Program will be available on May 21, 2007.

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## Aviso da Programa de Servicios para Comida en el Verano 2007 para el Distrito Escolar Independiente de Tornillo

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Tornillo anuncia el patrocinio del programa de servicios para comida en el verano. Almuerzo y comida de mediodia se va servir en la cafeteria de le escolar elementario del distrito de Tornillo, 19200 Cobb Ave., Tornillo, Texas. Es gratis para todos los niños de 1 año a 18 años de edad. El programa de servicios para comida en el verano empieza el 5 de Junio hasta el 25 de Junio, 2007, Lunes a Viernes. Almuerzo se va servir de 7:15 A.M. hasta las 8:15 A.M. y comida se va servir de las 10:45 A.M. hasta la 12:45 P.M. Los menus van estar listos el 21 de Mayo, 2007.

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block of South Darrington on Sunday, May 6 about 11 p.m. A male passenger in the vehicle was ejected and pinned underneath the vehicle. The



Sergio Solis-Chavez

driver, Sergio Solis-Chavez, 32, of Chaparral, New Mexico, was headed southbound when the pick up truck veered off to the right hand side of the roadway. He over-corrected to the left, causing the truck to slide out of control to the left, into the desert area where it rolled over. The 18-year-old unidentified passenger of the vehicle was partially ejected from the vehicle and was pinned underneath it. He was transported to Thomason Hospital with serious head injuries. “We suspect alcohol and speed as contributing factors. The investigation continues,” said Rick Glancey, Director of Public Affairs, El Paso County Sheriff’s Office. Solis-Chavez is charged with Intoxicated Assault with a Vehicle, which is a third degree felony, with his bond set at \$20,000.

■ Canutillo High School Annual Athletic Golf Tournament will be held Sunday, May 20, at Santa Teresa Golf Course. The “Shotgun Start” is scheduled for 1 p.m. Individual or team entries will be accepted. The entry fee is \$80 per player or \$320 per team. The fee includes prizes and dinner. For more information, call 877-7832 or 877-7813.

■ The Domestic Violence Prevention Commission and Adult Protective Services will present the “Domestic Violence and the Elderly and Disability Awareness Workshop” on Tuesday, May 29. The event runs from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at The El Paso Community College, Administrative Services Center Auditorium, 9050 Viscount. Topics include:

- Risks of abuse faced by many people with disabilities
  - Strategies for preventing abuse
  - Techniques for providing sexuality education
  - Detecting, reporting and responding to disclosures of abuse
- The event is free of charge. To register please email [elizabeth.mariscal@dfps.state.tx.us](mailto:elizabeth.mariscal@dfps.state.tx.us) with your name, agency, title, e-mail, mailing address and phone or call Elizabeth Mariscal at 834-5767.

■ The City Parks and Recreation Department and the Downtown Management District will be presenting their 2007 Summer Concerts at San Jacinto Plaza, 111

Mills in downtown El Paso. These concerts are on Wednesdays, from noon to 1 p.m. with family-oriented content. Admission is free. For more information contact Eliseo Duran at 562-7071. 2006 Summer Concerts at San Jacinto Plaza Schedule: June 13 - Brittney Gamboa; June 20 - Shelby Acosta; June 27 - Amanda Huante; and July 11 - Jacqueline Mata.

■ The El Paso Public Library Association is an advisory board dedicated to supporting the mission of El Paso Public Library, “to serve our diverse community through full access to information, entertainment, and lifelong learning.” The Association meets on the second Monday of every month to review the Library’s goals and to plan future functions such as fundraising efforts and programs. There are currently vacancies in the following districts to be appointed by their representatives: District 2, Rep. Byrd; District 3, Rep. Lozano; District 4, Rep. Castro; District 5, Rep. (Presi) Ortega; District 6, Rep. Holguin; District 7, Rep. (Steve) Ortega; and District 8, Rep. O’Rourke. Anyone interested in becoming a Library Board member should submit a letter of interest and resume to the El Paso Public Library Association at 501 N. Oregon, El Paso, TX 79901 or fax to (915) 543-5410. For additional information call 543-5406.

## Fight

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with both landing good blows and keeping their rival at bay. Oscar demonstrated his footwork and craft by trying to lure Mayweather to the center of the ring. Mayweather, in turn, would use his famous two count jab and bounce

away quickly if he got too close to De La Hoya.

The crowd was clearly for De La Hoya and several fights broke out in the stands during the action-packed 12 rounds of pound-for-pound gladiator action.

The 12-count rounds were very even but the last three rounds showed Oscar a little weary as if thinking to himself, “I need to get this guy finished off.” It was not to happen and

the final decision by the three judges awarded the win to Mayweather.

The crowd did not agree. They also did not believe Mayweather as he made his announcement that he would retire after this fight.

De La Hoya, as always, kept his options open. His statement, “I love boxing” was right on. If someone dangles a five- or six million dollar deal in front of Mayweather, he may change his mind as well.

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