



NEWSBRIEFS

Printmaking workshop

The Stanlee and Gerald Rubin Center for the Visual Arts will host “El Maestro y Los Animales: A Family Printmaking Workshop” for children ages 5-12 and their families. The special series of workshops is part of the Rubin Gallery’s current exhibit “El Maestro Francisco Toledo: Art from Oaxaca, 1959 – 2006.” The classes are free and open to the public, however, pre-registration is required. There is a limit of 15 students per workshop. Classes will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. on July 7, 14 and 21. Workshops will include a gallery talk about the work on display and a hands-on art activity where students can create their own animal block prints. For more information or to register, call 915/747-6151 or visit www.utep.edu/artsculture.

Crime Stoppers

El Paso schools are being hard-hit by summer heat, not from the sun, but from fires that are intentionally set. Two school fires this past week totaled more than \$105,000 in damages, damages that we citizens have to pay for. Both fires were set on Tuesday, June 26th. The first was at 6:30 a.m. in the playground at Edgemere Elementary School in the 10,000 block of Edgemere on the east side. Witnesses at the scene stated that 3 Hispanic individuals between the ages of 14 to 17 years of age, wearing white t-shirts with a red number 7, were seen leaving the area soon after the fire started. The second fire on that day was at 8:00 a.m. at Morehead Middle School in the 5,600 block of Confetti on the west side. The classroom had also been vandalized and burglarized. Both of these fires were determined to be intentionally set. If you have any information about these cases, call Crime Stoppers at 566-TIPS (566-8477) or on-line at www.crimestoppersofelpaso.org. You can remain anonymous and, if your tip leads to an arrest, you can qualify for a cash reward.

UTEP registration

If you’re thinking about taking classes at UTEP this fall, now is the time to register. Registration for returning students is underway through Friday, Aug. 17. Late registration is Thursday, Aug. 23, through Friday, Aug. 24, and Monday, Aug. 27, through Thursday, Aug. 30. Students can register online using Goldmine at www.utep.edu or by touchtone telephone at 915/545-1145. There is still time to apply for federal, state and university-based financial aid, including UTEP’s new financial programs: the UTEP Promise, the UTEP Success Plan and the Guaranteed Tuition Plan. Students can apply for federal and state aid by visiting www.fafsa.ed.gov. Emergency tuition and book loans and installment plans are also available through the Office of Financial

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If at first you don’t succeed, try looking in the trash can for the directions.

— Quips & Quotes

Principal pays up



— Photo courtesy Canutillo ISD

PUCKER UP FOR THE PIG — Canutillo High School FFA students, Otoniel Castillo and Jose Munoz, shown from left, hold a two-month-old pig, while CES Principal Hector Giron puckers up to give him a big kiss on his snout in front of more than 800 students, faculty and staff. Story on page 6.

Horizon suffers increase in crime with growth spurt

HORIZON — Horizon City is growing up and suffering growing pains along the way, according to Horizon City Police Chief Antonio Aguilar, who recently reported on the types and frequency of criminal acts being committed in the town.

“We attribute the increase in vandalism, criminal mischief, graffiti, and burglaries, just like the City of El Paso is experiencing, to juveniles committing more crimes during the summer months when school is not in session,” Aguilar said. “However, in Horizon City, the main factors contributing to the increase in crimes against property are the accelerated population growth, a younger generation mov-

ing in, and an understaffed police force. Just like the Socorro Police Department, our officers are working by themselves on graveyards (shifts), and we can’t adequately patrol the city as we used to.”

Chief Aguilar said last week was no exception with Horizon City experiencing vandalism and burglaries. In one night alone, vandals burglarized four vehicles in the Kingston, Roslyn, and Brill Circle areas. The Sheriff’s Department Crimes Scene Unit responded to the burglaries and processed the scenes for possible fingerprint evidence. Identification of

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Americas grads exhibit photography

By Irma Flores
Special to the Courier

An end-of-year project for two Americas High School graduates continues on in the summer. When Alyssa De La Rosa and Krystal Nevarez started their Texas Performance Standards Project at the beginning of the school year, neither had expected being part of a gallery exhibit. On June 22, weeks after presenting their photograph collection to judges, Krystal and Alyssa’s work went on display at the OLO gallery in downtown El Paso.

The students spent the past year learning about photography techniques and digital enhancements as well as the inner workings of

galleries. But putting together their first show also proved to be a challenge.

“We didn’t know if people were going to like it,” says Krystal. “We had grown so attached to the photographs. It was like putting yourself out there.”



Alyssa De La Rosa



Krystal Nevarez

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“This was an eye-opening experience,” says Alyssa. “It showed us not only about photography, but what it takes to get an exhibit in a gallery.”

The two had presented their original 30-piece collection in May to local artists including Andrea Gates Ingle, co-founder of Creative Kids and the OLO gal-

lery. Gates and her husband, artist and Creative Kids director Stephen Ingle, offered the girls a

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UTEP’s Health and Nursing Programs ranked top in the nation

By Laura Cruz
Special to the Courier

A leading education magazine ranks three health-related programs at UTEP among the top in the nation in graduating Hispanics, demonstrating the key role the University plays in boosting the number of quality minorities entering the health care field.

For the second year in a row, the UTEP School of Nursing ranks fourth in the nation in awarding nursing degrees to Hispanics, according to a June 2007 issue of Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education magazine. UTEP ranks sixth in awarding degrees in rehabilitation sciences, which include physical and occupational therapy and speech-language pathology.

“Our programs provide unique educational opportunities for hundreds of students who are traditionally underrepresented in the health fields,” said Kathleen A. Curtis, Ph.D., dean of the College of Health Sciences. “As the leading provider of health professionals for the region, we are proud of the achievements of our graduates and faculty.”

In 2006, UTEP’s rehabilitation sciences department graduated 39 students, 64 percent of them Hispanic.

Also ranking fourth is the UT Austin Pharmacy School, where about 85 percent of Hispanics earning pharmacy degrees are UTEP students enrolled in the UTEP-UT Austin Cooperative Pharmacy Program. Under the pharmacy doctoral program created in 1995, students attend UTEP for four years and the University of Texas at Austin for two. The pharmacy school graduated 21 Hispanic students in 2006, 17 of them from UTEP.

The Hispanic Outlook rankings are based on 2006 data as reported by the Department of Education’s National Center for Education Statistics.

UTEP continues to make great strides in enrolling and graduating professionals in high-demand areas, including engineering and health care fields. Graduates of UTEP’s health-related programs are readily placed in facilities in the El Paso region and across the nation.

In May, Hispanic Outlook ranked UTEP fourth in awarding bachelor’s degrees to Hispanics, and third in awarding bachelor’s in health sciences to Hispanics.

“As a premier Hispanic-serving School of Nursing, we are honored to again be recognized for our contribution to increasing the number of Hispanic nurses in the nation,” said School of Nursing Dean Robert L. Anders, Ph.D. In 2006, the School of Nursing graduated 140 students, 75 percent of them Hispanic.

“We are committed to excellence,” Anders said. “And our graduates are providing cultural and professionally competent care to our citizens.”



One perspective

By Francis Shrum

When the buck doesn't stop

I guess it's been going on for generations, this business about nobody being in charge. I think that's why Harry Truman got so many kudos from the Ameri-

can public when he boldly proclaimed that "The Buck Stops Here." He was among the last of a dying breed, I'm afraid. Everybody wants to be the top monkey with the recognition and the



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accolades but nobody is willing to shoulder the responsibility.

So what we have is chaos.

In a recent business class, our instructor explained that the structure of the corporate world is changing from the traditional form, which was hierarchical, with a boss on top who is in charge.

This boss had to understand the business, know what needed to be done, and hire people that he could depend on to fulfill various responsibilities and to have oversight of other employees and so forth and so on.

You know, the trickle-down theory. Unfortunately, like teachers, nurses, EMTs and policemen, a person willing to take the heat even when it gets uncomfortable is getting harder and harder to find. Like nursing and teaching, being a boss requires selflessness. It requires that you put the welfare of others before your own and do the right thing even when you don't want to.

A boss has to work harder than anyone he hires. That's a job description that doesn't attract a lot of candidates.

In order to get people to be the boss, businesses had to pay them a lot of money, but they found that this didn't work too well. Hired bosses wanted these huge contracts attached to golden parachutes just in case things didn't work out, which all too often they didn't.

So corporate boards of directors — who operate on the principle that they should get as much individually as they can as quick as they can before they die or get voted off the board — found the perfect way to get around this.

They simply dispensed with the position of boss. They instituted what is called lateral management. This means hiring a whole bunch of managers for a whole lot less money so that if one of them quits or dies, they don't care.

These multiple managers have way too much to do, so they don't have time to communicate or learn a lot about how the company actually works, and they aren't responsible to anyone in particular.

In other words, the right hand doesn't know what the left hand is doing.

There isn't anyone in a supervisory position who will answer their questions or give them direction so decisions can never be made. Problems are routinely postponed until they either work themselves out or get shoved under the rug to fester until they re-emerge larger and more troublesome than ever.

Even if these managers do try to interact with each other, their responsibilities are constantly changing so they don't have opportunity to get really good at their own jobs, let alone learn about what anyone else is doing. So, in those brief moments at the end of only-one-hour-long monthly meetings in which they are supposed to solve a month's worth of difficulties — when the facilitator says, "Is there anything anyone wants to add?" — they don't have anything to say.

They are supposed to look upon one another as "team members" so instead of having the best interest of the company in mind, they become overly concerned about what is happening at the cubicle-level.

This is true for even the most respectable and responsible among these managers because if one of them begins to learn too much and become too knowledgeable, the board of directors will frustrate the whole process by utilizing the three R's of business: reorganizing, restructuring or relocating. Sometimes they use a fourth R: removing.

Just to make sure everything stays efficiently confused, they periodically introduce a whole new computer software package, whether they need it or not, which undermines everyone's productivity for at least a year. This is roughly as effective as when God confused the languages at the Tower of Babel.

A friend of mine who retired from the military not long ago said that troop training methods had changed so dramatically that he felt there was no place for him there anymore. He said officers are no longer allowed the necessary authority to establish workable units — in short, military units are being trained as lateral groups. That's real comforting in a combat situation.

In essence, there are no longer any bosses, no one is in charge, no one is responsible and nothing is ever solved.

The buck just never stops.



Reyes Reports

By U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes

Citizenship workshop planned for July 21

On July 4, 1776, our forefathers claimed our independence from Great Britain. Over 230 years later, we still pause every Fourth of July to celebrate that we are, as Francis Scott Key later wrote in the Star Spangled Banner, "the land of the free and the home of the brave." Though we traditionally associate the Fourth of July with hot dogs, fireworks, and other festivities, we must also remember the sacrifices of those who fought, and are fighting, for our freedom. We must pay homage to our soldiers who gave their lives in the past, those who continue to fight for us now in Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as their families who await their safe return. Their courage and bravery are a true testament to our strong values as a nation.

This week is also a time to reflect on why our forefathers originally sought out America. They came for many reasons — to flee religious persecution, to explore new territory, to start a new life. Despite these various reasons, they all shared one common goal — to become members and citizens of a community, to pursue what became known as 'the American dream.'

Today, thousands of people still want to share in our American dream. As we celebrate our independence, it is important to continue helping those who want to become citizens of our great nation. I am again work-

ing with the Diocesan Migrant and Refugee Services, Inc. (DMRS) to create another Free Citizenship Workshop. Our first two workshops, one in 2006 and the other just recently in May 2007, were so successful and well-attended that we felt we had to plan another event as soon as possible.

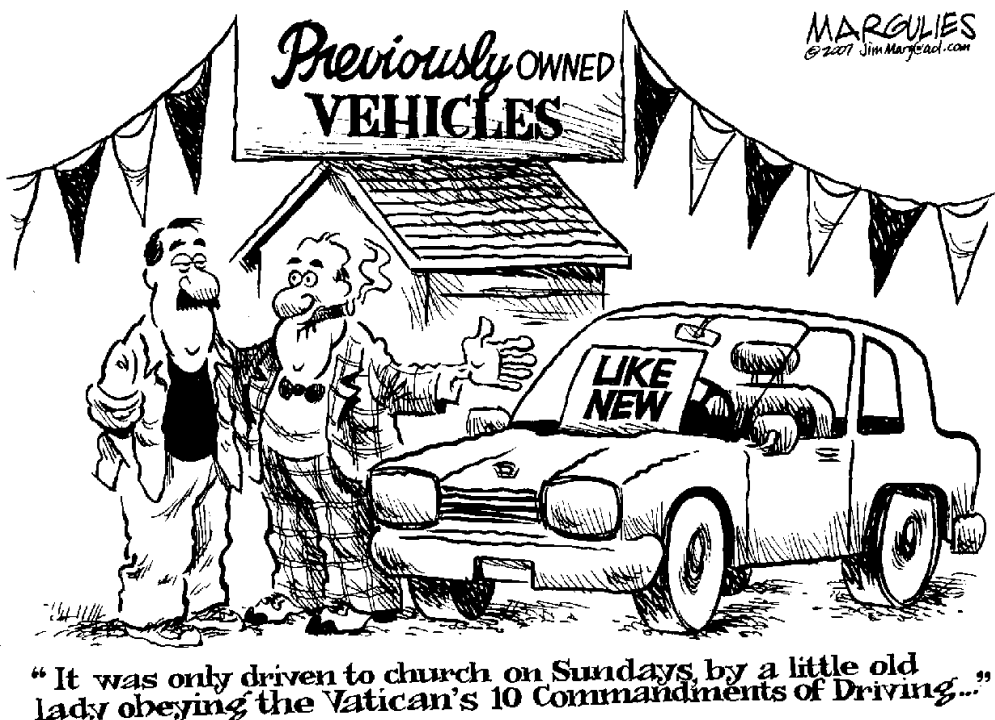
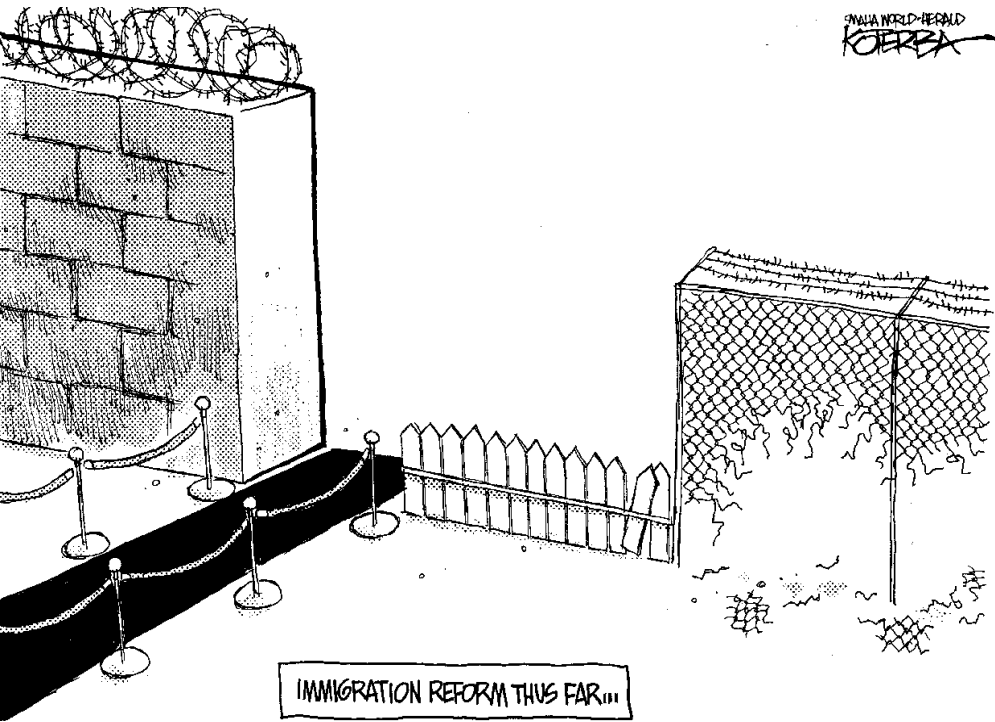
This workshop will be held on Saturday, July 21 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the DRMS office at 2400 East Yandell. Local volunteers and immigration attorneys will be available to assist eligible immigrants apply for citizenship status. It's important to stress that, in order to apply for citizenship, you must be one of the following:

- (1) A Lawful Permanent Resident for at least five years and at least 18 years old; or
- (2) A Lawful Permanent Resident for at least three years and at least 18 years old if you have been married to and living with the same U.S. citizen for the last three years AND your spouse has been a U.S. citizen for the last three years;

To apply for citizenship, people should bring the following to the workshop: (1) evidence of permanent residency (Green Card), Social Security card, and State ID or Drivers license; (2) money order for \$400 dollars payable to Citizenship and Immigration Services; (3) copies of income tax returns for the past five years (three years if married to a United States citizen — also bring evidence that your spouse has been a citizen for three years); (4) Marriage certificate and proof of termination of all prior marriages of you or your spouse; (5) Selective Service information (men only); and (6) Records of any arrest (if any).

Due to the popularity of these workshops, we decided to register participants for this new event. We didn't want to make anyone stand in line for a burdensome amount of time. If you are interested in attending, please call my office at 534-4400 as soon as possible. We can schedule the first 120 people who make appointments. I also want to ensure you are aware of the fee increases proposed by the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration (CIS) Services. The CIS fee will increase from \$400 to \$675 (including biometric fees) on July 30, which makes our July 21 event even more timely.

Whether we are honoring and remembering our soldiers serving in Iraq or assisting someone with becoming a citizen, we are making contribution to our fundamental values of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. This week, we are reminded of all those who comprise our national community. We celebrate our diversity, our struggles, our triumphs, and our dreams. We celebrate our independence and especially as a nation at war, we honor those sacrificing their lives for our independence and freedom.



"It was only driven to church on Sundays, by a little old lady obeying the Vatican's 10 Commandments of Driving..."



Por la Gente By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

Americans should unite under the flag

Hola, mi gente,
This week we celebrate a most special holiday — the Fourth of July. Our nation declared independence from Great Britain with the publication of the Declaration of Independence. The document was historical, not only for our nation, but for the world. For the first time, a document which represented the hearts of a nation of people declared that all men are equal. The significance of that declaration is still very important today.

During this week of picnics, backyard BBQs and fireworks, I hope that all of you remember to be careful. While our children enjoy firecrackers and bottle rockets, it is very important to make them aware of the dangers to little hands and eyes that those explosives pose. And, of course, you adults must be careful with the consumption of alcoholic beverages. We don't want any El Pasoans injured or killed because of alcohol, so please be very careful.

Our flag, the symbol of our nation, also has other symbolic meanings. The thirteen stripes represent the thirteen original colonies that declared independence with Great Britain. The stripes are made up of red and white colors. The stars in the box represent our current 50 United States. This part of the flag is made up

of a blue background and white stars. Those symbolic meaning work to connect our nation today with our nation at its birth. The one commonality between the box and stripes is the color white.

Today, we have two major political parties, the Democratic and Republican parties. Coincidentally, those parties are also represented by colors. All of you have seen on presidential election nights how each of the states vote: blue for democrat and red for republican. Unlike our flag, there is nothing for the color white to represent.

Today, however, I would like to make the color white the official color of both parties. The color is part of the symbolism of our past and of today. It can also be symbolic of another thing: we are all proud citizens of the United States. That is why I want all of us to put aside the party affiliation this week and be united as Americans only. Let's celebrate blue and red on the flag only, celebrate white to unite all of us and leave the political partisanship for later.

Once again, friends, have a safe and enjoyable Fourth of July holiday. Oh and also have a "white" Fourth of July.

Gracias, mi gente, and I remain your friend and public servant,

Chente for la gente.

Write stuff

Dear Editor:
Americans should be very disturbed about the federal government's plans to have the United States join the Security and Prosperity Partnership (SPP) that will merge the U.S., Mexico, and Canada into one nation with open borders by year 2010. The federal government also is quietly working to entangle us in a North American Union (NAU) similar to the European Union.
In 1993, Congress entangled us in the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) that is now being used as the basis for the SPP and NAU. We must repeal NAFTA if we are to remain a free and independent nation. Concerned citizens need to tell their U.S. Representative and both U.S. Senators to support H. Con. Res. 22 to withdraw the U.S. from NAFTA, and H. Con. Res. 40 to Stop the NAU!

Nancy B. Brennan
Camarillo, CA

Dear editor:
Accepted definitions of "genocide" generally involve the mass killings of people belonging to a particular group. Selecting the black people in Africa for misery, disease, and death by deliberately depriving them of life-saving DDT, as described in <http://www.jbs.org/node/1603>, is, therefore, consistent with the ordinary definition.

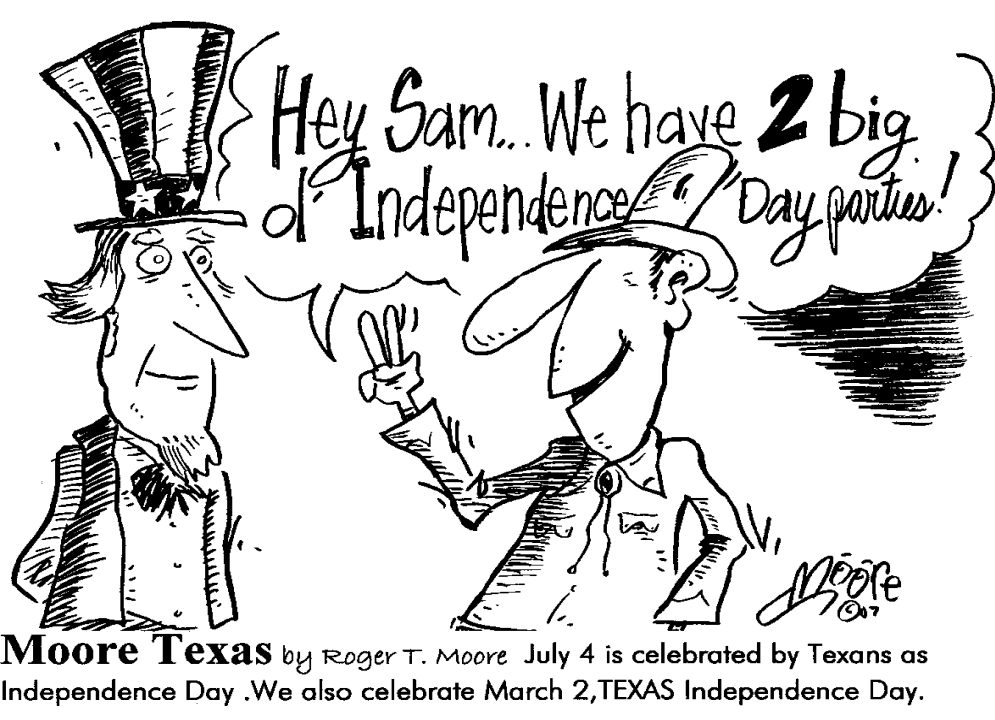
World energy rationing, by preventing the construction of refineries and atomic power plants, affects a much broader socioeconomic group. This group is perhaps best defined by those who are not in it. Al Gore, for example, flies about in expensive personal jet planes, lives in a home that uses 20 times the energy as that of ordinary people, and rides in gas-guzzling limousines. He obviously does not consider himself to be in the group who must submit to energy rationing.

World taxation, rationing, and shortages of energy will hurt primarily the poor, lower, and middle classes sufficiently to markedly increase their death rates. The upper classes within which the hysteria for global energy rationing has originated expect to maintain their own lifestyles with only minor inconvenience.

While, therefore, the group of people who have been selected for diminished lives, suffering, and death from energy rationing and the resulting technological decline is larger than ordinarily associated with genocide, the number of likely deaths is also much larger than in previous genocides.

I think the term "genocide" appropriately describes the outcome of world energy rationing.

Frank M. Pelteson
Las Vegas, NV



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Agency provides free information on flood preparation, recovery

By Paul Schattenberg
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY — The Texas Cooperative Extension has free information available on what to do before, during and after a flood, said an Extension expert.

In addition to disaster-related publications, the Extension has a variety of information and tips related to preparing for and recovering from flooding available through the Internet, said Janie Harris, Extension housing and environment specialist.

“With flooding, there are a number of things you can do to minimize damage to your home or business, protect your family’s health and restore your property after the flood,” she said. “Extension provides useful, objective information that we hope will help keep property safe.”

The Texas Extension Disaster Education Network site, <http://texashelp.tamu.edu>, has access to information on flood preparation, cleaning flood-damaged homes, emergency food and water supplies, the national flood insurance program and post-flooding safety precautions. Information on floods may be found under the “Hot Topics” section of the site’s home page.

The site also contains a link to the

free “Preparing for the Unexpected” booklet, which provides details on what steps to take in advance of a natural disaster or other emergency situation. The booklet is also available in Spanish.

More information on flooding preparation and recovery can be found under the “Disasters & Emergencies” link at the Extension Bookstore, <http://tcebookstore.org>. This site contains free printable materials on topics including flood recovery safety tips, controlling mold, basic first aid, caring for important papers and post-disaster considerations for older adults.

“(People) need to be aware of possible structural or electrical damage and possible damage to gas lines. They also need to be aware of possible contamination from flood water and what they can do to reduce that risk,” Harris said. The potential for mold is another consideration. For more information: 851-2515.

Exhibit

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spot in their gallery’s Cultural Cruise exhibit.

“At first, we didn’t believe it would get into a gallery,” says Alyssa. “We are working with the OLO gallery in hopes of getting more exposure.”

Her partner, Krystal agrees, “I’m really grateful for this opportunity. In the fall, our teacher said this project would open doors for us.”

After putting their first show together, the girls would like to continue to follow what had been an interest last summer. Alyssa is planning to go to UTEP in the fall and study pre-med and Krystal hopes to pursue a career in graphics and attend an art institute that specializes in graphic design.

Their Texas Performance Standards Project was one of many submitted by seniors in the Socorro Independent School District. For the past school year, 18 seniors from Americas, Montwood and Socorro High Schools have researched, developed and produced special projects as part of the Texas Performance Standards Project program. Along with the project submitted Krystal and Alyssa, judges reviewed musical compositions, autobiographies and videogames all created by seniors.

“These projects gave them the opportunity to pursue something they are passionate about and want to learn more about,” says Lynne DeLeon, Gifted and Talented Instructional Specialist - Grades 6-12.” This is different to the work they usually do. We are challenging them to produce at the next level.”

One project combined math and music. One Americas student used mathematical equations instead of a muse to create his own musical score. The music is composed and played by a student and a soundtrack of electronic music put together by using experimental mathematical equations. Fernie Hernandez studied the Fibonacci Series in exploring the correlation between music and mathematics.

“They do so much research and analysis on their projects, this gives them the opportunity to showcase their hard work,” says De Leon. “It is quite intense and rewarding. Students feel that this has made them grow up.”



Other projects included presentations on teenage vehicle ownership, reading from an autobiographical book, a demonstration of a videogame in which the characters are based on Greek Mythology, presentations on Anorexia Nervosa, a virtual tour of a crime scene, video on hearing loss and hearing issues, and an awareness presentation on El Paso’s mentally ill population.

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Bonds in All-Star Game despite lingering questions of drugs

By Steve Escajeda
Special to the Courier

It was announced last week that Barry Bonds would start as an outfielder for the National League in this year's All-Star Game in San Francisco.

How convenient that is for one of the more infamous figures in sports today.

People (no doubt from some Northern California city) voted for Bonds heavily just before the polls closed to push him over the top.

Getting to start in front of the home fans, the only fans who will not boo this guy right out of the ballpark, is very lucky for Bonds and the MLB broadcast.

Baseball was about to be faced with a difficult decision whether it wanted Bonds on the

National team if he didn't get the fan votes.

But his getting voted in solved that. And the fact that the game is in San Francisco, makes the process much easier because baseball executives won't have to sit and endure thousands of fans booing a player in what is supposed to be a fun-filled event.

But again, this only helps Barry Bonds.

Once again, Major League Baseball will give this guy a pass, an intentional walk past any harsh penalty he should have already received for steroid and human growth hormone use, tax evasion and perjury.

The fans in the stadium will give this guy a standing ovation at the game, while everyone else knows he would be heckled everywhere else.

It's too bad baseball has to drag this guy out one more time so we can continue the charade about his status among the game's elite.

Bonds start paying?

It's my belief that eventually something will come out of all these Bonds accusations and when it does, the home run record will continue to be seen as still Hank Aaron's.

And I'm okay with that. Aaron had class, dignity and a respect for the game. All those attributes are missing from Barry's arsenal.

Mark McGwire, Sammy Sosa, Jason Giambi and Rafael Palmeiro have already started to feel the heat. Their reputations will be tarnished forever.

Barry Bonds' name may make it to the record books for hitting more home runs than anyone else, but it will not be taken seriously for very long — if at all.

Bonds is already as transparent as they come — hope it's not long before he disappears altogether.

I know that NFL organizations let their star players get away with almost anything they want (maybe short of doing an O.J.), but these guys have got to understand that it's really not that hard to be a good citizen, parent and role model.

But still, the Tank Johnson's of the world are going to do what they want to do — and not much else.

After already getting in numerous scrapes with the law concerning weapons and drug charges, Johnson was suspended for a while by the NFL last season and he vowed to be a good boy from now on.

Liar, liar pants on fire.

Johnson then went out and got himself arrested on DUI charges a few days ago and the Bears acted immediately and kicked him off the team.

The Tank is now teamless and he can thank himself for his predicament.

I can honestly say that I was stunned and pleased by the quick and sudden action of the Bears. It's about time that teams start to take this kind of ruthless behavior seriously.

It says a lot when Paris Hilton pays a bigger price than most of these dangerous thugs in the world of professional sports.

Are you listening out there Cincinnati Bengals?

Village of Vinton PUBLIC NOTICE

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at 6:00 p.m. during a Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting on Thursday, July 19, 2007 at the Vinton Village Hall, 436 E. Vinton Rd., Vinton, Texas. Purpose of the public hearing is to allow any interested persons to appear and testify regarding the following proposed item(s):

- 1) Consider a request for rezoning from C-1 to M-1 of Vinton Hills Commercial Park Unit II, Lot 1B, Village of Vinton, El Paso County, Texas (Jesse Trigg Drive).

Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to Ivana Renteria, Village Deputy Clerk at the City Hall. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact City Hall at (915)886-5104 to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact City Hall at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

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Canutillo administrators kiss pig

By Kim Guzman
Special to the Courier

CANUTILLO — In recognition of Canutillo Elementary School students' book reading achievements and to the cheers and applause of the entire student body and faculty, CES's Principal Hector Giron and Vice Principal Juan Gonzalez took turns kissing a pig the day before school ended for summer vacation.



Hector Giron

The CES students reading goal for the month of April was 8,000 books. They surpassed that goal and read a total of 10,932 books for the month.

As a reward for their accomplishment, the students' witnessed Giron and Gonzalez kissing a pig provided by Canutillo High School's FFA program.

"I was very pleased with the student participation and their rising to the reading challenge for April. This month historically drops off in the number of books read due to the focus on TAKS tests in third through fifth grades. We offered the challenge in order to generate new enthusiasm among the students. None of them could resist the challenge and they all read diligently, in order to insure that I did kiss the pig," said Giron.

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‘Sopranos’ finale puts people over the edge

By Don Flood

For years Americans have been passive, even docile, in the face of mounting corporate and government scandal, but June 2007 will be remembered as the time when public anger reached the tipping point: The final episode of “The Sopranos.”

Long acclaimed as the greatest show in the history of the universe, “The Sopranos” began as the story of a mob boss (Tony Soprano) with relationship issues, especially with his mother, who, unlike many dot-ing moms, once ordered a hit on her son. Issues like these often pro-duce stress in a family.

What followed was 10 years of deals and killings and illicit drug-taking and sex: It was a show the whole family could enjoy.

But after 10 years, it was time to go, if for no other reason than that many of the major characters had already been killed off, effectively putting Tony out of a job.

In the weeks leading up to the finale, suspense built to a feverish pitch: Would Tony get whacked? How would he get whacked? Would his family get whacked too?

Instead, in the final scene, Tony is sitting with his family in a diner; he plays a song, “Don’t Stop Believing,” by Journey, and then suddenly the screen fades to black.

That’s it. The End.

Personally, I’m not sure what the big mystery is. The cook, hearing that lousy song one time too many, finally snapped and slammed Tony with a frying pan.

The second most likely explanation is that we’re supposed to think Tony retired to write self-help and relationship books.

Why? Because everybody in America retires to write self-help and relationship books.

And Tony would be able to of-fer some new wrinkles: “How to Win Friends and Whack Enemies,” “Operating a Strip Joint for Dum-mies,” and “The Mother-Son Relationship: How to Know When it’s Time to Whack the Old Broad.”

But the controversy isn’t about to die. Senate Democrats, sensing a potent campaign issue, have al-ready promised hearings.

Sen. Charles Schumer of New York said the “Sopranos” finale is “typical of the incompetent TV programming that’s been allowed to flourish under the Bush admin-istration.”

He added that Bush has the worst record on cable-TV pro-gramming since the Millard Fillmore administration. (He later backtracked, saying it was the worst since Grover Cleveland, though personally I think Cleve-land is underrated in this regard.)

Republicans weighed in too.

Sen. John McCain, trying to re-ignite a stalling campaign, an-nounced that if he were the show’s producer, he would have made sure “the whole family was whacked.”

Mitt Romney also came out strong, declaring that as president he would “whack HBO” itself if it didn’t come up with a more satis-fying finale.

Democrat Sen. Hillary Clinton took a more measured approach, calling for U.N. sanctions against the “rogue network.” She added, however, that as commander in chief she would keep “all options on the table.”

Perhaps no candidate crystal-ized the issue more than Republi-can candidate Tom Tancredo of Colorado. “Are we as Americans going to accept this kind of pro-gramming? If so, then the terror-ists have won.”

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Social Security Q&A

By Ray Vigil

Q: My neighbor recently retired, only to learn that some of her earnings hadn't been recorded properly. She eventually got everything straightened out, but what can I do now to make sure this doesn't happen to me when I'm ready to retire in ten years?

A: Make sure the name and Social Security number your employer is using matches up with the information on your Social Security card. Also, check your Social Security Statement, mailed to you each year about three months before your birthday. If your earnings are not reported to Social Security under your correct name and number, you may not get the credits you're due — and that could translate to lower benefit pay-

ments in your future. Such earnings discrepancies can be corrected, as was the case with your neighbor, but it can translate to an inconvenient delay when you apply for benefits. To learn more about Social Security benefits, visit Social Security's website at www.socialsecurity.gov, or call us toll-free at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

Q: I look at my Social Security Statement each year to make sure my earnings are properly recorded. This year I became self-employed, but I didn't get credit for my full earnings. Why not?

A: The amount recorded is your net income. For people who are self em-

ployed, we count net income, not gross income, when figuring your credits of coverage. Net earnings for Social Security are your gross earnings from your trade or business, minus your allowable business deductions and depreciation. If, in fact, your net earnings are not correctly reflected, you should let us know. Visit our website to learn more about Social Security at www.socialsecurity.gov, or call us at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

Q: How many years do I need to work before I can qualify for Social Security disability benefits?

A: The number of work credits you need to qualify for disability benefits depends on your age when you become disabled. Also, the credits must have been earned recently. Generally, you need 20 credits earned in the last 10 years, ending with the year you become disabled. Younger workers, generally those under 31, who have not had the opportunity to work that long, may qualify with fewer credits, so if you become disabled and cannot work, you should still apply for benefits. To learn more, read a copy of our publication, Disability Benefits. You can get a copy online at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10029.html, or call us at 1-800-772-

1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) to have a free copy mailed to you.

Q: I recently changed bank accounts and need to let Social Security know about it. Do I need to come in to the office?

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For more information on any of the questions listed above, visit our website at www.socialsecurity.gov or call us at 1-800-772-1213. If you have any questions that you would like to have answered, please mail them to the Social Security Office, 11111 Gateway West, Attn: Ray Vigil, El Paso, Texas 79935.

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Aid. For more information, call 915/747-5204 or visit www.utep.edu/financialaid. Classes for the fall semester begin on Monday, Aug. 27.

In other news

■ The San Elizario Genealogy & Historical Society will sponsor a Gordita Sale on Sunday, July 29, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. behind the Los Portales Museum and Information Center (next to the San Elizario Church). \$4.00 an order includes beverage. The Portales Museum also houses a spacious and pristine courtyard for small party functions (200 people) which includes a full kitchen and bathrooms. Call Tues. to Sun. 851-1682 or Marta at 851 3134 or sanelizario@sbcglobal.com for details. Proceeds benefit the San Elizario Genealogy & Historical Society.

■ The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has awarded El Paso's Ysleta del Sur Pueblo \$670,220 in federal funds, Congressman Silvestre Reyes, D-El Paso, announced. This "Indian Housing Block Grant award" can be used to improve access to affordable housing through construction, purchase, or improvement and modernization of properties; provide operating support to housing assistance and housing management services; and help fund crime prevention and safety programs for the Tigua. "Overall, this grant will help improve the Tiguas' quality of life, and it is critical that the federal government provide these funds to the Tribe," said Reyes. "This is an important investment for the Tigua."

■ The College of Education and Project Action for Equity are hosting the 2nd annual STEM Power: Bridging the Gender Equity Gap Conference from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, July 20, at UTEP. The free conference will offer teachers six hours of professional development credits. The registration deadline is Thursday, July 12. Teachers will learn hands-on lessons that highlight gender equity issues; prepare to address gender equity in their classroom; and learn to encourage young women to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and math. For more information, call Elena Acosta at 915/747-6368.

■ The Customer Service Center for Redflex Traffic Systems has moved to a new location. The center is now located at 2211 E. Missouri Suite E235. Anyone needing to contact them by phone may do so at (915) 533-3140. The Redflex Customer Service Center is the location where citations issued as a result of the red light camera systems can be paid in addition to the web address included in the notice.

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