



## NEWSBRIEFS

### Disaster seminar

The Horizon community is invited to participate in the implementation of a new Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program for the Town of Horizon City. CERT volunteers will be selected and assigned for training and certification to prepare, train and respond effectively to critical incidents such as natural disasters or Weapons of Mass Destruction or Terrorist attacks until professional responders arrive. A presentation will be given at the Oz Glaze Senior Citizens Center, 13969 Veny Webb in Horizon City on Thursday, Oct. 28, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. by Lt. Ray Resendez, Emergency Coordinator for the El Paso City/County. To qualify, a volunteer must be at least 18 years of age and in fairly good health to perform physical activities and rescues during critical incidents. However, residents who do not intend to become part of the actual team are encouraged to participate in the training for self help and to assist family and friends during major disasters or emergencies. This program is sponsored as part of the Horizon City Police Department's Community Policing Philosophy to work in partnership with the community to reduce crime and the fear of crime and to enhance the quality of life in the Town of Horizon City.

### Headstart speakers

Canutillo Independent School District teachers Lorena Salas, Texas Association of Bilingual Education 2004 Teacher of the Year, and Kyann McMillie, Texas Elementary 2004 Teacher of the Year, will be the keynote speakers at the Region 19 Headstart Kickoff at 6:30 p.m., Oct. 14, at the Chito Samaniego Head Start Center. Region 19 Head Start provides educational opportunities and services to enhance the quality of life for economically challenged children and their families throughout 12 area school districts. The kickoff will benefit students by involving the parents in their children's education.

### In other news

■ A Veterans Day Celebration will be held at Frank Macias Elementary School on Nov. 11, 2004 at 9 a.m. Veterans living in the Horizon area are invited to attend the celebration. An RSVP in the name of the veteran is requested at 852-7143 so that appropriate recognition can be arranged.

■ Christopher Lee Escobar, a 2004 graduate of Canutillo High School, successfully completed U.S. Marine Corps boot camp and infantry training recently at Camp Pendleton, in San Diego, California. Private First Class Escobar is now assigned to Aviation Mechanics School, in Pensacola, Florida, where he will be stationed for the next six months. "I decided

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*Will medical science ever find a cure for foot-in-mouth disease?*

— Quips & Quotes

## Storytelling: A rich tapestry of culture and tradition

By Emily Baker  
Special to the Courier

TORNILLO — How can people learn about the varied tapestry of American heritage? One way is by the elders of a community sharing traditional stories with young people. Last week, Eldrena Douma McMenamy shared stories of her heritage with the students at Tornillo Junior High School.

Mrs. Douma, from the Laguna, Tewa, Hopi, one of the original Native American nations, related some of her people's stories in her own uniquely entertaining way.

Calling upon the Hopi custom of dramatic storytelling, Mrs. Douma held the students spellbound with stories ranging from her girlhood on a reservation to the ancient traditional stories of her people. Many of her stories were about animals familiar to the Pueblo tribes: dogs, coyotes, bears, and turkeys. Mrs. Douma told stories related to interesting objects she owns. The fur from a pair of otters was a tactile introduction to a traditional story entitled

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A HISTORICAL TAPESTRY — Eldrena Douma McMenamy shares stories of her heritage with Tornillo Junior High students.

## Number of San Eli students going on to college indicates a shift in focus

By Phillip Cortez  
Special to the Courier

SAN ELIZARIO — Working with students and being a direct link to furthering their education has been a labor of love, if you ask any of the three guidance counselors at San Elizario High School.

Over the last several school years, the number of students entering college, taking aptitude tests and receiving scholarships has steadily increased thanks to a consistent and sometimes unsung effort by the entire department.

It was during a conference/awards ceremony at UTEP when Dickey Garza, Irene Rodriguez, Jaime Mercado, and department secretary Stella Elloiaga were recognized for their 2003-2004 efforts, when San Elizario seniors were awarded a record amount of scholarship money.

San Elizario High School was awarded a Regional Performance Award, which is based on the success of students currently enrolled at UTEP, the number of San Elizario students who applied and were accepted to UTEP

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## Canutillo Elementary teacher will visit Japan

By Kim Guzman  
Special to the Courier

UPPER VALLEY — Canutillo Elementary School lead technology teacher, Susan Cleve Smith will depart for Tokyo, Japan in November, as a participant in the Fulbright Memorial Fund (FMF) Teacher Program. Smith earned this honor by being selected from a national pool of over 2,000 applicants by a panel of educators.

This program allows distinguished primary and secondary school educators in the U.S. to travel to Japan for three weeks in an effort to promote greater intercultural understanding. Beginning their visit in Tokyo, Smith and a group of 200 educators will receive a practical orientation on Japanese life

and culture and meet with Japanese government officials and educators. They then will travel in groups of 20 to states outside of Tokyo where they will have direct contact with Japanese teachers and students during visits to primary and secondary schools as well as a

teachers college. They also will visit cultural sites and local industries in addition to a homestay with a Japanese family.

The program is sponsored and paid for by the government of Japan. It was launched in 1997 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the U.S. government Fulbright Program, which has enabled more than 6,000 Japanese citizens to study in the U.S. on Fulbright fellowships for graduate education and research.

The Japan-United States Educational Commission administers the program.



Susan Smith

## Flu vaccine shortage will require need based distribution, officials say

AUSTIN — Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) officials say they will support the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's recommendation that this year's limited supply of flu vaccine be used on a priority basis to make sure those at high risk of flu complications get first shot at the vaccine.

The CDC issued this recommendation following a recent announcement that about

half of the nation's supply of this season's flu vaccine may not be available.

Texas Commissioner of State Health Services Eduardo Sanchez urged

vaccine providers to follow the recommendations and urged the public to cooperate.

Chiron Corp. announced earlier this month that the British government is preventing the company from distributing its flu vaccine, Fluviron. Chiron is based in California, but its flu vaccine was manufactured in the company's Liverpool production facility. The company made some 46 million to 48 million doses of the vaccine, about half of the United States supply.

DSHS estimates that some 8 million to 10 million doses of the flu vaccine are ordered each year by Texas doctors, companies, health care facilities, supermarket chains and other organizations but officials said they do not know how many of those doses were ordered from Chiron this year. However, of the 543,000 doses ordered by DSHS, 125,500 were ordered from Chiron. Those doses were earmarked for use by DSHS regional offices for use in counties not served by local public health departments.

The balance of the 543,000 doses was ordered from Aventis and is for use in vaccinating at-risk children in the Texas Vaccines for Children Program.

Sanchez said that the shortage will mean that following standard illness control measures will be even more critical this season.

"If you're sick, stay home from work or school," he said, adding that other "simple but important" steps include frequent hand washing and always covering coughs and sneezes.

The high risk groups for influenza identified by CDC are: children 6 months through 23 months of age; adults 65 and older; anyone with underlying chronic medical conditions; women who will be pregnant during flu season; residents of nursing homes and other long-term care facilities; children six months through 18 years on chronic aspirin therapy; health care workers providing direct patient care; and out-of-home caregivers and household contacts of children under six months old.

The complete CDC recommendations are available online at: <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/whoshouldget.htm>.



## One perspective

By Francis Shrum

# Abundance of trading

Taking a trip across

parts of this great nation of ours is an eye-opening experience about the way we Americans think.

That is, if your eyes are open.

Since I can't read in the car without getting nauseous, I sometimes sleep, but the rest of the time I think. Which can be either good or bad, depending.

What we think, we do. And what we do is reflected in how we live.

One thing I have noticed is that the more affluent the state you are traveling through, like California, the more likely you are going to find automated rest stops, with faucets that are activated when you put your hands under them, and potties that flush for you.

In California, practically every ladies bathroom you go in has potty seat covers at the ready. All except the one where I either had to fill up with gas or pay a quarter to get in. Odd.

California has call boxes all along the highways in case you break down. I guess no one has informed Sacramento that every driver now has a cell phone plan that provides a telephone for every family member including the dog. Speaking of dogs, I saw a bumper sticker that said "Dog is my co-pilot" — an obvious play on a similar slogan which proclaims faith in a higher power. Let's hope that fellow either doesn't have car trouble or has an extremely bright dog.

The absolute beauty and abundance of California is awesome in the places where you can actually see it through all the concrete, houses, warehouses, tourist attractions, casinos, strip malls and apartment buildings with which human beings seem

determined to cover practically every square inch.

I have a mental image of California being an Etch-a-Sketch — one of those magnetic picture-drawing devices we all used as a kid, where you draw on it with a magnetic pointer until the screen is full, then you turn it over and shake it and all your drawings disappear and you have a clean screen to start all over. Not a bad idea for California.

It is perfectly understandable why our forefathers risked life and limb — and sometimes sacrificed both — trying to get there. The abundance of fertile land, the beautiful mountains, the gentle Pacific coast wafting in a perfect balance of warmth and moisture, have combined to create a virtual paradise.

Unfortunately, our forefathers had kids, who used their cell phones to call all the other kids in America whose father's didn't go to California, and told them about it and they all came out to the West Coast, too.

Now they all have luxury cars and drive around with a \$10,000 dog hanging its tongue out in the wind. But they can't see the sky for all the blue air and sometimes they are killed when their Lexus collides with an ancient \$500 Datsun driven by a Mexican immigrant who has neither a Green Card, insurance, or a dog. But he probably had a cell phone.

There is so much prosperity in California that in some neighborhoods you feel like you have been transported to another planet, especially if you come from East El Paso County. The extremely well-dressed man in line ahead of you in the convenience store who just bought a six-pack isn't buying it for himself. Instead, he walks out to a stretch limo

where the tinted glass slides down only far enough for a bejeweled hand to accept the drinks, then he proceeds to fill the gas tank and gets into the driver's seat.

California real estate is so expensive these days that they are beginning to reckon its value vertically as well as horizontally. I heard a local news report while there about developers who have begun tearing down single story residential and commercial structures. They are instead building multi-story structures to maximize income off every square inch. But, like developers every-

where, they were bemoaning the added cost of construction necessary to make them more earthquake resistance, since buildings in California have a tendency to fall down regularly, especially if they are tall.

Second only to the ocean, I love the agricultural side of California. There is a lot of innovation in producing fresh fruits and vegetables. They were harvesting strawberries there this month, incredibly beautiful and luscious. A local farmer gave us vine-ripened purple grapes — a sweeter concoction has never been produced by man. Being a corporate

endeavor, for the most part, the fertile fields will be utilized only as long as their monetary output is greater than what the owner can achieve by subdividing.

There is a stark contrast between the skimpily clad teenagers in convertible sports cars and the farm workers eating lunch on the ground, but from the expression in their eyes, I don't think the upgrade in material possessions improves anything.

In all of the abundance of her trading, California still hasn't procured that most valuable commodity of all — happiness.



## Por la Gente By State Rep. Chente Quintanilla

# School teachers are the backbone for higher education

Hola, mi gente — this is your public servant, once

again reminding you that obtaining an education is of the utmost importance if you are a young man or woman and you want to make some progress in this nation of ours. For that matter, this can apply to older El Pasoans as well.

However, problems are brewing which might make this goal unattainable. For one thing, too many young Hispanics are dropping out of high school before completing requirements for graduation. We need to tackle that problem first, because young people represent our future as a community.

For instance, parents need to get more involved in their son's or daughter's education. All too often, the parents don't seem to take educational attainment very seriously. Because many parents haven't received an education themselves, they don't value the importance of it for their own children.

Of course, there are exceptions to this rule, in that there are many parents who are vastly aware of the need for them to educate their children.

However, the general rule in too many of our communities is that children should get jobs immediately upon finishing high school — whether they graduate or whether they drop out.

This is wrong, and it's time that we challenge the mentality. It's time that we work to ensure that our children receive a quality education at the community college or university level. Attaining a college or university degree is difficult enough for the young man or young woman. Without parental support, it becomes almost impossible.

Add to that the problems, financial or otherwise, which our schools are facing and the realization appears that educating our children nowadays is extremely difficult. The difficulty continues even after they've gone on to college. For instance, research shows that nearly two-thirds of high school graduates enrolled at Houston-area community colleges have to take remedial classes.

Although a report by the Higher Education Coordinating Board doesn't specifically mention our city by name, it does state that a large number of Texas' 2001 high school graduates needed remedial help in

college.

The worst thing about taking remedial classes is that the students — or their parents, must pay for these classes in which they receive no academic credit, and which lengthens their stay in college. After spending time taking remedial classes, these students must still take the required course to graduate. So, the onus is upon us to do something about this situation.

This is a wake up call that the Republican leadership must heed. As Democrats, we know that students learn best from teachers who truly understand their subject matter. So often now, we find high school teachers in subjects such as math who are not certified to teach the classes. There are teacher shortages in subjects like math and science because persons who hold these degrees can make far more money in the private sector. State leaders need to get real about paying our teachers a living wage. By turning a blind eye to reality, our children are the ones who suffer. We have got to do better by them, and it starts with the teacher in the classroom.

With this message, I leave you, once again, as your friend and public servant, Chente for la gente.

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## Reyes Reports By U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes

# Health care costs threaten small businesses

For small businesses here in El Paso and across the country, the

rising cost of health insurance is a growing crisis. For many businesses, offering health insurance to their employees equals nearly all other costs of production combined. According to the Kaiser Family Foundation, small businesses have seen double-digit annual increases in insurance premiums over the last three years — 11 percent in 2001, 13 percent in 2002 and 14 percent in 2003.

With our economy's dependence on small businesses and the tremendous positive impact they have on our country as a whole, immediate action must be taken to assist our small business community. Currently, many small businesses have to make difficult decisions, such as choosing between hiring another employee or offering health insurance to current employees. Most have to devote significant resources to offer quality health care to their employees with money they could have been other-

wise invested in their business. Others have to drop or reduce coverage and run the risk of losing the ability to attract and retain employees.

These are not decisions small businesses should have to make in running their companies.

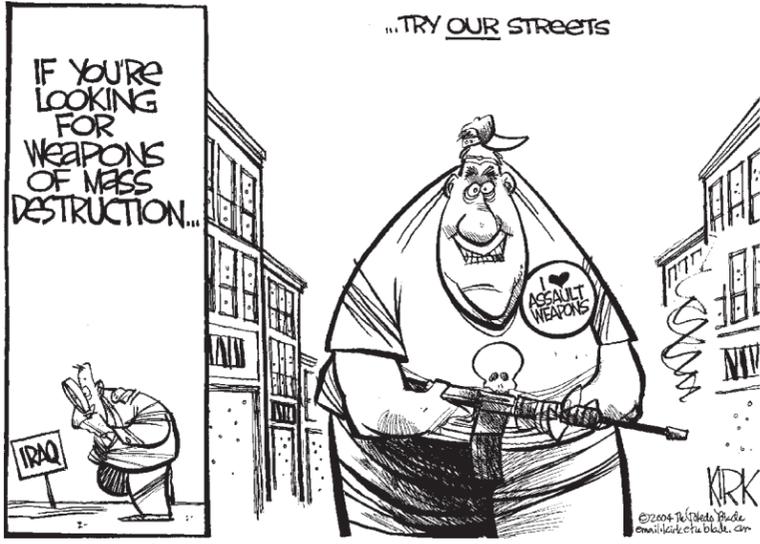
In Congress, I am working with my colleagues to find solutions for reducing the cost of health insurance. A major factor that plagues small businesses when it comes to health insurance is the lack of alternatives. Entrepreneurs usually only have the option of purchasing health coverage from insurers, many of which have developed monopolies in state markets. The lack of competition has allowed insurers to drive up costs because they know that small firms have no other choices.

I am a co-sponsor of the Small Business Health Insurance Promotion Act of 2004, which would expand the available health care options for small businesses by building on the efforts of many state governments that are providing health care plans specifically for small businesses. This bill would create federal and state health insurance pools for small businesses to band

together to purchase coverage. Participating businesses would be able to defray the costs of their participation through a four-year tax credit provided under the legislation.

This bill would give small firms some of the same advantages large corporations have in trying to keep costs down. Study after study has shown the increase in health care costs has been more dramatic for smaller firms due to higher administrative costs, lack of bargaining power, and the high risk of small businesses. Building on the concept of grouping small companies in health care pools would reduce these costs, easing the burden on small business owners.

The passage of this bill — and overall health care reform — will improve health care costs for our small businesses. It's not just small businesses that are the engine of our economy, but the men and women behind these organizations. Our entrepreneurs and their employees deserve health insurance that not only keeps them healthy, but keeps their businesses and our nation's economy going strong as well.



# Give the gift of life

This time of year is a busy one for all of us. We're finishing up our summer and getting geared up for the fall. As you dash toward the holiday season, I urge you to take time out of your day and donate blood. The need is great, and the few minutes it takes may mean years of life for a sick or injured patient.

The good news is that millions of Americans voluntarily donate blood every year. The bad news is that this is not enough. Did you know that 60 percent of the U.S. population is eligible to give blood, but only five percent donates each year?

The demand for blood is constantly increasing, and the nation's blood

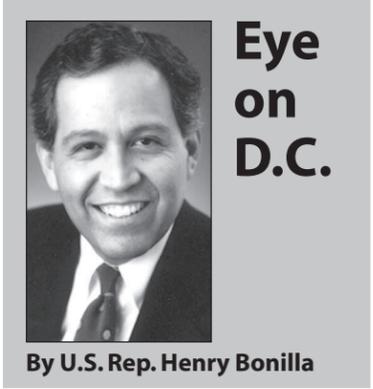
banks are having difficulty keeping up. According to the American Red Cross, the amount of blood needed by hospitals increased more than 15 percent in the past year. Maintaining an adequate amount of blood for surgeries, trauma victims and treatment of diseases is becoming a year-round problem.

What's worse is that donations traditionally slump this time of year. An outbreak of the flu and bad weather can also affect donations. That means that the demand for blood is higher this time of year than in other months.

In order to avoid a critical shortage, more donors are needed. Donat-

ing blood is safe, painless and can save the lives of others. Any individual who is at least 17 years old and weighs 110 pounds or more can donate. Donating blood takes about 45 minutes to 1 hour, including 20 minutes for the actual blood collection. Type "O" blood is the most commonly used because it can be safely transfused to people of all blood types. You can give blood every eight weeks, but remember that with just one donation you could save a life.

There are many places where donations can be made. Bloodmobiles travel to high schools, colleges, churches, and other community organizations. People can also donate at community blood centers and hospital-based donor centers. Many people donate at blood drives at their workplace. To find out where you can donate, call the national Red Cross hotline at 800-GIVE-LIFE, America's Blood Centers at 888-256-6388, or the American Association of Blood Banks at 866-376-6968.



## Write stuff

Dear Editor:  
I have to give my opinion on (Chito) Bowling resigning his position on (Socorro city) council. My impression was that he wanted streets fixed and lighting in his area. The lack of money is the reason these two things have not been accomplished, not the lack of support from the mayor or the rest of council.

He would use the word "we" but as I understand it, he was the one who was not around to find out how things work and what was going on. When it came time to vote for the certificates of obligation, so there would be money for streets and lighting, he didn't. Now that there is money for lighting, he said in his last meeting that he didn't want anything and resigned. To me it doesn't make sense.

He and another person in council apparently did not understand that the subject of the museum was just a formality, after several lawyers explained this repeatedly. The council hired a firm to find qualified individuals for the positions that were open, apparently he forgot this. The procedure for the internal audit is being worked on as reported in the Courier on May 13, 2004, so there again he seems to ignore this.

In my opinion, his failures are not shared by other people on council. In the Courier of Feb. 5, 12 and 26, you reported that he voted on these items. I saw him as being very selfish and negative when they announced that the city (after eight years) would finally clean up an abandoned, burned house in my community.

I attend the meetings and I am involved in the community, so I know. In my opinion, Mr. Bowling did not write that letter (of resignation) since he apparently forgot that he voted on the same issues that he is complaining about.

As for pay-backs and favors, he should come out and give us details, not just say that it is happening.

Only one councilman has resigned from council, Mr. Bowling, not two, and the people still have representation since the mayor and Gary Gandara both ran at large. Those letters have many mistakes. Beware of wolves wearing sheep clothing. Inform yourselves before you vote.

E. Alvarado  
Socorro

## 9th Annual Fiesta "Celebrating Life" Helps Fight AIDS in El Paso

By Michelle J. Brown  
Special to the Courier

EL PASO COUNTY — Dedicated to helping generate AIDS awareness while accelerating prevention efforts, the Border AIDS Partnership of the El Paso Community Foundation will sponsor its 9th Annual Fiesta "Celebrating Life" next month to support the local fight against AIDS.

Slated for Thursday, Oct. 28, at 6 p.m. at the Camino Real Hotel in downtown El Paso, the event features music, an auction, cocktails, dinner and special presentations. Tickets are \$75 per person or \$600 for table of 8. Contributions will be matched by funds provided through the Elton John AIDS Foundation. For more information, tickets or sponsorship information, please call (915) 533-4020.

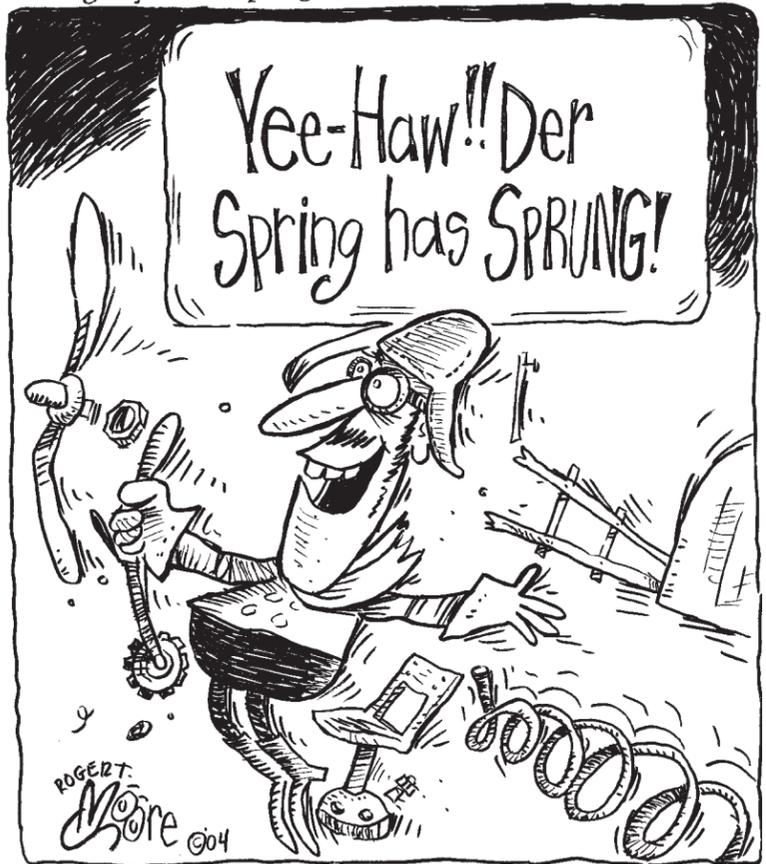
"We thank the community for playing a part in ensuring the health and well-being of our re-

gion," said Mary Lou Moreno, who together with her husband, Art Moreno, Sr., will be honored this year for their activism, commitment and leadership in HIV/AIDS prevention. "Together we can all make a difference in the fight against AIDS. We can eradicate this horrendous disease."

Keynote speaker and HIV Educator Dr. Patti Wetzel will headline events emceed by GF Magazine Publisher Cat Simon. Entertainment includes classical guitarist Reymundo Cardenas, duo pianists Paul Kroegeer and Bonnie Whalen and gospel singers Jill Strickland, Cecelia Reid and Bobby Henderson.

In 2004, the Partnership granted \$92,000 to nine HIV/AIDS projects supporting programs for more than 33,000 men, women and children in the El Paso-Juarez-Southern New Mexico region. Funds raised support critical programs, including education for at-risk youth, innovative services and approaches to HIV/AIDS prevention and care.

**TRUE TEXAS FACTS** by Roger T. Moore, Oct. 13, 1821. Jacob Brodbeck is born in Germany. As a Texan in 1865, he allegedly flew a spring-driven aircraft 100 feet.



### Briefs

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to be a Marine, like my dad, ever since I was in middle school because it is the hardest of all the U.S. branches in the armed forces. I want to face the challenge well aware of what is happening in Iraq," said Escobar. Christopher is son of Fernando and Mary Ann Escobar of Canutillo.



■ The City of Socorro was anticipating a special meeting later this week after no council members showed up for the regular meeting on Oct. 7 except the mayor. Mayor Irma Sanchez opened and closed the meeting last Thursday for the community members present after City Representatives Joe Ramirez, Gloria Rodriguez and Gary Gandara failed to appear. The Socorro council currently has two vacancies, due to one death and one resignation.

■ Two SISD students, Kristen Breton of Montwood High School and Daniel Piedra of Americas High School, have been selected as "Commended Students" in the 2005 National Merit

Scholarship Program. Commended scholars place among the top five percent of the more than one million students who entered the national competition by taking the 2003 Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. Letters of commendation from the school and the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, will be presented to the students by Montwood principal Juni Matthews and Americas principal Mary Ross.

■ Gov. Rick Perry has announced the appointment of Richard Azar of El Paso to the Aerospace and Aviation Advisory Committee, an advisory committee which assists in the state's economic development efforts to recruit and retain aerospace and aviation jobs and investments. Azar is co-owner of 5T6 Resources, a refueling center at Dona Ana County Airport. He is founder of Blue Feather Aero Flight School and is a member of the Experimental Aircraft Association. Azar has served as president of the El Paso Chamber of Commerce, the Chamizal Institute Foundation and the National Alliance of Business. He is a past member of the Texas Aerospace Commission and was inducted into the El Paso Aviation Hall of Fame in 2003. He has received the Aviation Man of the Year award from the El Paso Aviation Association and holds a pilot's license rating for single and multi-engine with instruments

planes, helicopters, leer jets, gliders seaplanes and turboprops.

■ Ten free trees will be given to anyone who becomes a member of the National Arbor Day Foundation during October. "These trees will produce vibrant red, orange, yellow, scarlet and purple leaves in the fall," said John Rosenow, Foundation president. The trees will be shipped between Nov. 1 and Dec. 10 following the receipt of a \$10 membership contribution at Autumn Classic Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410 before Oct. 31, or join online at [arborday.org](http://arborday.org).

■ To promote Canutillo ISD's agriculture education efforts, the district's STAR (Sustainable Texas Agriculture Research) Advisory Group will hold outreach sessions throughout the region during October and November. The next scheduled sessions will be at 7 p.m., Oct. 21, at the Dona Ana Community College, 3400 South Espina Street in Las Cruces; Nov. 2, at the E.E. Turner Range Animal Science Center, Room 129, at Sul Ross University in Alpine, TX; and Nov. 9, at the Hatch High School Auditorium, 203 Foster, Hatch, NM. The outreach meetings are designed to help promote awareness of the link between agriculture and the community and in the creation of CISD's Agronomics Center on the Rio Grande, an agriculture research

center located on 75 acres of land in the Village of Vinton. The STAR Advisory Group's outreach meetings are open to the public. For more information, call 877-7466.

■ Homeless pets stand a greater chance of being adopted since *From the Heart Animal Rescue of El Paso* joined Petfinder.com, the oldest and largest online database of homeless pets. Pets are no longer at the mercy of adoption day events or someone walking in the door of their shelter. Information from more than 7,500 animal welfare organizations in the U.S. and Canada post information and a photo of animals available for adoption for perusal by potential owners. Pets can be viewed at <http://www.petfinder.com/shelters/TX639.html>. Actual adoptions are handled by the individual shelter.

■ The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has awarded UTEP a \$40,000 federal grant to expand its Nursing Workforce Diversity program, according to Congressman Silvestre Reyes. Funding is provided through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). "This grant will expand UTEP's current efforts to recruit additional Hispanic students into the nursing profession," said Reyes. "It is important that healthcare professionals understand the unique health concerns of the Hispanic population. I applaud UTEP for working to alleviate El Paso's serious shortage of

nurses and put an end to the cultural disparities in our current healthcare delivery system." Reyes also said the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs has awarded \$124,131 to El Paso's Opportunity Center for the Homeless to assist homeless veterans in El Paso over a three-year to provide special need services through the dedication of five beds to the chronically mentally ill homeless veteran population.

■ Dr. Michael Orshansky, assistant professor of electrical engineering at UT-Austin, has received a \$400,000, five-year National Science Foundation Early Career Development (CAREER) award, among the most prestigious given to young faculty. He will develop software that accurately describes the microchip behavior, as well as software for designing more reliable microchips. The tiny size of these nanoscale chips — it takes one million nanometers to equal a millimeter — makes it difficult for engineers to precisely control the transistor size. As a result, they can't figure out how the transistors will actually look once manufactured. "We are reaching the era in which uncertainties about chip electrical properties are governed by fundamental physical laws, since we're operating on such a minute scale," says Orshansky. "Things we didn't have to worry about with relatively bigger chips become very significant at about 60 nanometers."

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### Public Hearing Notice

#### Village of Vinton

**Texas Community Development Program**

The Village of Vinton intends to submit a grant proposal to the Office of Rural and Community Affairs under the Texas Community Development Program. This grant program must primarily benefit low and moderate income persons. Interested residents of the Village of Vinton are invited to recommend eligible projects at a public hearing to be held at **6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 19, 2004 during the Regular Village Council Meeting at 436 E. Vinton Rd., Vinton, Texas 79821.** Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to Mayor Juvencia Ontiverios at Village Hall. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact Village Hall at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. For additional information, please contact Mayor Juvencia Ontiverios at (915) 886-5104.

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# Texas Association for Bilingual Education to meet in El Paso

By Alfredo Vasquez  
Special to the Courier

UPPER VALLEY — Canutillo Independent School District personnel will play a major role in the upcoming Texas Association for Bilingual Education (TABE) annual state conference, scheduled for Oct. 20-23, at the El Paso Convention Center and Camino Real Hotel.

Canutillo Elementary will be the site for the conference's Parent Leadership Institute, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 20.

During the institute, parents will be provided with opportunities to gain knowledge that can change parenting from a struggle for control to an interplay of connection and communication, according to Pauline Dow, CISD Academic Language Services Director and co-coordinator for the conference.

TABE will also offer a workshop for educators, from 8:30 -11:30 a.m., Saturday, October 23, at the Camino Real Hotel. The workshop participants will focus on bilingual efforts in the U.S. and will discuss language policy issues at the local, state, and

national levels. Participants will include Steve Krashen, University of Southern California Professor; Eliot

Shapleigh, State Senator; Hector Montenegro, Ysleta ISD Superintendent; Dr. Eugene Garcia, Arizona

State University Dean.

For more information, call Dow at 877-7435.



**COMPUTER GRADS** — The Rio Vista Community Center in Socorro had its first Basic Computer Class Graduation. The 14 graduates were congratulated by Mayor Irma Sanchez, who distributed certificates and gave a motivational speech regarding their future education. Miguel Arriola provided volunteer service to teach the class and he was thanked for his assistance, as was Lety Pasillas, Mary Chavira, Jessica Robles and Rosa Saenz who coordinated the class through the Texas A&M Colonias Program.

## Students

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compared to other schools comparable in size, according to Garza, lead counselor.

"These would be schools such as Clint, Mountain View, Fabens and Tornillo," Garza said.

The school also earned the Top 10 Percent Award, given to the school with the highest percentage of graduates ranked in the top ten percent of their classes and enrolled at UTEP. According to Garza, all 19 of the 2003-2004 top ten seniors have enrolled in post-secondary education. There were a total of about 190 seniors last year.



**RECORD SETTERS** — Dickey Garza, Irene Rodriguez, Jaime Mercado, and department secretary Stella Elloiaga (not in order) helped secure record scholarship money and place students in universities.

where we've been, where few students were even applying, this really demonstrates how much the school has progressed," Garza said. "This shows a shift in the paradigm out here. It shows that more and more students are not just satisfied with a high school diploma.

"Kids are convinced that college is the best route for success."

## Hopi

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"How Bear Lost His Long, Fluffy Tail."

Later, the seventh graders were able to use some of Mrs. Douma's intriguing artifacts to create stories of their own. Before the writing began, Mrs. Douma helped the students understand how she crafts a story. The students used her example to spur creative stories of their own.

The students were enthralled with hearing about how some of the things that they are familiar with came to be. Through listening to and creating stories, the students were not only exposed to the heritage of a unique people but learned to examine their own stories and heritage and were challenged to keep their rich history alive through song, dance, and stories.

Finally Mrs. Douma challenged the students to live up to their own history by taking advantage of the opportunities they each have for personal and intellectual growth.

## Ticket

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are no longer eligible for Supplemental Security Income benefits.

Another feature of the Ticket to Work law helps people restart benefits if they try to work but then have to stop work because of their disability. Their benefits can be started again without filing a new application. The request to start benefits, including Medicare and Medicaid, must be made within five years after benefits are stopped.

The Ticket to Work program is voluntary. Social Security and Supplemental Security Income beneficiaries who receive a ticket are not

required to work, but may choose to use their ticket to attempt to go to work. More beneficiaries are making this choice — and more still may want to consider doing so.

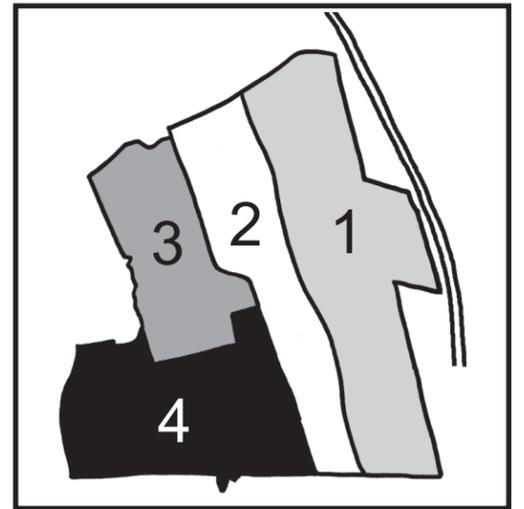
If you or someone you know is receiving Social Security or Supplemental Security Income disability benefits, think about taking advantage of the opportunity the ticket program offers.

For more information visit your local social security office, visit our website [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://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

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### City of Socorro Election 2004 District Boundaries

**District # 1:** Border on the North by the Northeastern City limits starting at the most northeast corner of the Socorro Grant and along said City limit following, generally, a southwest direction to the intersection with the centerline of North Loop Road; on the East by the most Eastern City limits as shown on the Socorro Grant; on the West by the centerline of North Loop Road from the Northern City limit to the Southern City limit; and on the South by the Southeast City limits starting from the centerline of North Loop Road and along said City limit to the most Southeastern corner on the Socorro Grant.



**District # 2:** Border on the North by the Northern City limits from the intersection of the centerline of North Loop Road and along said City limit following, generally, a southwest direction to the intersection with the centerline of Alameda Avenue; on the East by the centerline of North Loop Road from the Northern City limit to the Southern City limit; on the West by the centerline of Alameda Avenue starting from the Northwest City Limits until Alameda Avenue intersects with Daugherty Lateral, then generally East along the Centerline of Daugherty Lateral until it intersects Middle Drain Road, then generally in a southeast direction following the Centerline of Middle Drain Road to the Southeastern City Limits; and on the South by the Southeast City Limits starting from the centerline of Middle Drain Road and along said City limit following, generally, a northeast direction to the intersection with the centerline of North Loop Road.

**District # 3:** Border on the North by the Northwest City Limits from the intersection of the centerline of Alameda Avenue and along said City limit following, generally, a southwest direction to the most Northwestern corner on the Socorro Grant; on the East starting at the intersection of the Northwest City Limits and the centerline of Alameda Avenue and along said centerline to the intersection with the centerline of Daugherty Lateral, then due East along the Daugherty Lateral to the intersection with Middle Drain Road and along the centerline of said road following, generally, a southeast direction to the intersection with the property line located in the middle of the block border by Odem Road and Sun Park Road, following, generally, a southwest direction along said property line dividing the block to the intersection with the centerline of Alameda Avenue, and along that centerline in a southeast direction to the intersection with the centerline of Vineyard Road; on the West by the Western City limits, starting at the Northwest corner of the Socorro Grant, and along said City limit to the intersection of the centerline of Socorro Road and the centerline F.E. Jackson Road, then along the Centerline of Socorro Road following, generally, a southeast direction to the intersection with the centerline of Vineyard Road; on the South by the centerline of Vineyard Road, starting from the intersection of the centerline of said road and the centerline of Socorro Road following, generally, a northeast direction to the intersection with the centerline of Alameda Avenue.

**District # 4:** Border on the North by the property line dividing the block border by Sun Park Road and Odem Road and starting at the Intersection of Middle Drain Road and said property line, following, generally, a southwestern direction along said property line to the intersection with the centerline of Alameda Avenue, then following said centerline in a southeastern direction to the intersection of Alameda Avenue and Vineyard Road centerlines, then following a southwest direction along Vineyard Road centerline to the intersection with the centerline of Socorro Road, and along the Socorro Road centerline in a northwest direction to the intersection of Socorro Road and F.E. Jackson, then in a northwest-west direction to the Socorro/EL Paso City Limits and along said limits to the intersection of the Rio Grande river and the Southwestern City limits; on the West by the Southwestern City limits bordering the Rio Grande river and along said City limit bordering the river to the most Southwest corner of the Socorro Grant; on the South by the Southern City limits starting at the most Southwest corner of the Socorro Grant and along said City Limit to the intersection with the Centerline of Middle Drain Road.

Detailed map available for viewing at Socorro City Hall, 124 S. Horizon Blvd., Socorro, Texas 79927  
[www.socorrotexas.org](http://www.socorrotexas.org)

# Tornillo Junior High cross country team off to a running start

**TORNILLO** — The great American long distance runner Steve Prefontaine said that “to give anything less than your best is to sacrifice the gift.” At Tornillo Junior High, the 7th and 8th grade boys Cross Country team is trying to live up to this credence. “Being the new coach, I feel we are at a new beginning and a rebuilding year. The winning attitude has become contagious, for we started out with just two or three runners on each team,” said Coach John Mylius. “The teams have now grown

to seven runners each, and we hope to improve on those numbers next year. Each week, all the runners have improved their personal records by as much as three minutes over the two mile course.” Shown in back row from left is Edgar Garcia, Coach Mylius, Luis Rodriguez, Victor Corona and Rudy Hernandez. Front row, from left, is Ricky Corona, Edgar Pineda, Carlos Ortiz, Jose Sanchez, Gustavo Torres, Chris Sanford, Abran Sanchez, Alfredo Marquez.



## Classified Ads

### LEGAL

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

As per Article V, Sec. 5.05(a), all owners and lienholders have ten (10) days from this date to reclaim their vehicles at South West Wrecker, 1401 Darrington Rd., 855-1900, 851-2091-fax, or it will be sold at public auction for charges: VIN - IB4GK44R2MX624336, 1991 Dodge Caravan, white, no license plates WTCC-10/14/04

#### NOTICE OF PETITION TO RECONCILE FUEL COSTS

El Paso Electric Company (“EPE”) petitioned the Public Utility Commission of Texas (“Commission”) on August 31, 2004 for authority to reconcile its eligible fuel expenses and revenues for the period of January 1, 2002 through February 29, 2004 (“Reconciliation Period”). In its petition, EPE has also requested to implement a fuel surcharge of its cumulative under-

covery of fuel expenses through the end of the Reconciliation Period. This petition, if granted, will affect all Texas retail customers who pay fixed fuel factors. This petition has no effect on EPE’s non-fuel base rates.

During the Reconciliation Period, EPE incurred a total of \$264,144,513 in eligible fuel, fuel-related, and purchased power expenses to generate and purchase electric energy for its Texas retail customers. At the conclusion of the Reconciliation Period, EPE had a cumulative under-recovery of such expenses of \$8,632,150. EPE seeks to implement a surcharge of this amount, along with associated interest, over a 12-month period, effective with bills rendered during the first billing cycle of November 2004 through the October 2005 billing cycle. If the proposed 12-month surcharge is approved, a residential customer using 500 kWh per month will see an average increase of \$0.65 in the monthly bill, 1.17% of the total

electric bill during that recovery period. The effect of the surcharge on other customers’ bills will vary depending on the rate schedule under which the customers take service.

Persons who wish to contact El Paso Electric Company at 123 W. Mills, El Paso, Texas 79901, or call toll-free at 1-(800)-592-1634 (when instructed, press 7, then four-digit extension 5947 plus #) during normal business hours. A complete copy of this Petition is available for inspection at the address listed above. Persons who wish to formally participate in this proceeding, or who wish to express their comments concerning this Petition should contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas, Office of Customer Protection, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, or call (512) 936-7120, or toll-free at 1-(888)-782-8477. Hearing and speech-impaired individuals with text

telephones (TTY) may call (512) 936-7136 or use Relay Texas (toll-free) at 1-(800)-735-2989. A deadline for intervention will be established for this proceeding.

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#### SOCORRO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

##### Invitation to Bid/Respond:

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

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2004**

**CARPENTRY MATERIAL CSP NO. 199-1013-0515 UNTIL 2:00 P.M.**

**GLASS REPLACEMENT SERVICES CSP NO. 199-1013-0503 UNTIL 2:30 P.M.**

**PAPER SUPPLIES CSP NO.**

**199-1013-0505 UNTIL 3:00 P.M.**

**FOOTBALL EQUIPMENT REPAIR CSP NO. 199-1013-0499 UNTIL 3:30 P.M.**

**VO-TECH SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT CSP NO. 199-1013-0498 UNTIL 4:00 P.M.**

Proposals will be received at Business Services Dept., 12300 Eastlake Drive, El Paso, Texas 79928 until the specified times. Detailed specifications are available from the above office between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and on-line at www.sisd.net (purchasing departments). WTCC-10/14/04

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Sealed bids/proposals/CSP to furnish the District with

the following products and/or services will be accepted at the following times:

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2004**

**DOCUMENT IMAGING SERVICES CSP NO. 199-1020-0523 UNTIL 2:30 P.M.**

Proposals will be received at Business Services Dept., 12300 Eastlake Drive, El Paso, Texas 79928 until the specified times. Detailed specifications are available from the above office between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. WTCC-10/14/04

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**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2004**

**MARIACHI UNIFORMS AND INSTRUMENTS CSP NO. 199-1015-0509 UNTIL 2:30 P.M.**

Proposals will be received at Business Services Dept., 12300 Eastlake Drive, El Paso, Texas 79928 until the specified times. Detailed specifications are available from the above office between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. WTCC-10/14/04

#### ORGANIZACION PROGRESIVA DE SAN ELIZARIO

##### Request for Formal Sealed Bids

ORGANIZACION PROGRESIVA DE SAN ELIZARIO invites you to submit sealed bids for furnishing labor and materials to perform the reconstruction of the following properties, as set forth in the

work write-ups and written specifications. Contractors interested in bidding on any or all of the above jobs may pick up bid packages at Organizacion Progresiva, 1444 Main St., San Elizario, TX. On Oct. 15, 2004. All bids shall be made and returned on the forms provided by OPSE.

- 12356 Campo Bello
- 532 Borrego
- 13250 Tascate
- 564 Borrego
- 13171 Guitar
- 588 Borrego

Deadline for submission of bids is 4 p.m. on Oct. 22, 2004 at the offices of OPSE. WTCC-10/14/04

#### GARAGE SALES

LARGE YARD SALE: Saturday, Oct. 23, 12500 N. Loop (near Clint). Lots of miscellaneous.

#### RENTALS

**CACTUS ROSE TOWNHOMES** Move-In Special Mention this ad

and receive 1/2 off your 1st month's rent 225 Poplar **886-6118**  
2 and 3 Bedrooms Available Income Restrictions Apply Section 8 Accepted 10/14

#### WHISPERING SANDS TOWNHOMES

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**Executive Office Space** available at the **Lakeway Bldg.** 14190 Horizon Blvd. **(915) 852-1019**

#### SELF-HELP

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

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## King Super Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Act like a peacock
- 6 Had kittens?
- 10 Played the trumpet
- 16 Holbrook or Linden
- 19 Stadium
- 20 Marathon
- 21 Not very often
- 22 Geologic division
- 23 “REQUIRES MINOR REPAIR”
- 26 Free (of)
- 27 Touched up the text
- 28 Range rope
- 29 Brawl
- 30 Bear's lair
- 31 Singer Tori
- 34 Opinion sampling
- 37 Latvia, once: abbr.
- 40 Lucifer
- 42 Recede
- 45 Alex Haley book
- 48 “ONLY WORN ONCE”
- 54 Schnabel or Rubinstein
- 55 Up to, for short
- 56 Private
- 57 Opera hero, often
- 58 Illinois city
- 60 Mindy of “The Facts of Life”
- 62 “\_ Believer” (’66 hit)
- 63 Sens.’ colleagues

- 64 Refuse
- 65 \_ Cob, CT
- 66 Kett of the comics
- 69 Observe
- 70 “ONE OF A KIND”
- 75 Numbers man?
- 78 Actress Ward
- 79 Spoil
- 80 Particles
- 84 Coarse file
- 86 Auto feature: abbr.
- 88 What have you
- 90 Secluded
- 92 Salad type
- 94 “Psycho” setting
- 96 Opening
- 98 Annoyed
- 99 “A FAMILY HEIRLOOM”
- 103 Musical of “Tomorrow”
- 104 Mineral spring
- 105 Bestow
- 106 Trigger-happy guy?
- 107 Notion
- 109 Clutter
- 110 Urban transport
- 113 Nutritional need
- 116 Fashionably nostalgic
- 120 Ready for dinner
- 123 Poetic preposition
- 124 “AN ANTIQUE TREASURE”
- 130 ‘75 Abba hit
- 131 Olympian
- Gertrude

### DOWN

- 1 \_ Mateo, CA
- 2 Sherwood sight
- 3 Stalk
- 4 Brought to ruin
- 5 Sample the sauce
- 6 Actor Pitt
- 7 British dominion
- 8 Author Umberto
- 9 Augsburg article
- 10 Kind of cheese
- 11 Zhivago's love
- 12 Smell \_ (be suspicious)
- 13 Summarize
- 14 Architect's add-on
- 15 Salon supply
- 16 “Mein \_” (“Cabaret” tune)
- 17 Sutherland solo
- 18 Tramp's tootsie
- 24 The Brainy Bunch?
- 25 “\_ Doubtfire” (’93 film)
- 29 Skunk in “Bambi”
- 31 Tall story?
- 32 Andy Griffith

- series
- 33 Yoko \_
- 35 Supper scrap
- 36 Mississippi senator
- 37 Exchange
- 38 Start the slaw
- 39 Helicopter part
- 41 Tiny colonist
- 42 Browning's bedtime?
- 43 Iran's Abolhassan \_-Sadr
- 44 German port
- 46 Prongs
- 47 Optical device
- 49 Hispanic money
- 50 Watch keepers?
- 51 In an engaging manner
- 52 Wrathful
- 53 Celtic
- 59 Tennis legend
- 61 Barnyard critter
- 67 Dictator
- 68 Fall blooms
- 71 Texas landmark
- 72 Powerful people
- 73 Plabum variety
- 74 Mythical monsters
- 75 Gullet
- 76 Turkish title
- 77 Clinton Cabinet member
- 81 Exclude
- 82 Drilling site?
- 83 Pool person
- 85 Down-to-earth

- affair?
- 87 Command at a corner
- 89 Praises
- 91 Guitarist Duane
- 93 Scolded
- 95 Author LeShan
- 97 Arafat's grp.
- 100 Born
- 101 Middling mark
- 102 Nerd
- 108 Soviet cooperative
- 109 Trim the turf
- 111 Genie Francis role
- 112 \_ throat
- 113 Enthusiasm
- 114 Rock's \_ Butterfly
- 115 Heron's home
- 117 Thornfield
- 118 Slope
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- 120 Normandy site
- 121 Mozart's “\_ kleine Nachtmusik”
- 122 Forest beauty
- 124 I.M. the architect
- 125 Drivers' lics., e.g.
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- 129 Actress Susan

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# El Paso should fill the Sun Bowl and send a political message

**By Steve Escajeda**  
*Special to the Courier*

The following is a short story about a faint, flickering light at the end of a long, dark, scary tunnel.

Once upon a time there were several cities located at the Southwestern point of the United States.

These cities were all similar in size, proximity and potential. They all wanted the same things, to grow in population, popularity and status.

And some of them did.

Phoenix soared by daring to dream higher than the other cities. San Antonio soared by capitalizing on its culture and industry. Tucson soared by taking advantage of the movie industry and recreation. And even Albuquerque soared by capitalizing on its native culture and beautiful winters.

But there was one city the others left behind, or maybe it was just too scared to follow. This city was as big as the other cities but it thought with a small mind and kept its dreams small because it was too afraid to take chances.

The other cities laughed at the

small-minded city as they passed it by. All it could do was watch helplessly as the other cities enjoyed the fruits of their labor.

Now the small-minded city has talked about growing many times since the others left it, but in the end the talk — as well as the stature it once enjoyed long ago — has faded away.

But the winds of change have taken a slight turn.

Something is beginning to happen in the small-minded city. It has begun to look at itself a little differently in recent months. Oh sure, many of its industries and sports teams have left it in the last couple of years, but the small-minded city is beginning to re-think things.

And it seems as though the citizens of the small-minded city of El Paso, Texas have a chance to make a huge statement this weekend.

And they better make it because they may not have another chance for decades.

The statement is a simple one — if you really want to be a player, El Paso, then you have to step up this Saturday night.

The UTEP Miners football team

stunned Fresno State last Saturday 24-21 in the biggest upset the team has enjoyed in a decade.

But going back to our short story about the 'small-minded city who didn't,' the small-minded politicians here have always said we could never build anything of great substance in El Paso because the people here "won't support it."

Well, now the citizens of El Paso have a chance to prove them wrong — again!

This week is homecoming at UTEP and it couldn't have come at a better time. The Miners are suddenly in the middle of the WAC race and have a winning record overall at 3-2. Like I told some sportswriters in the press box at UTEP's last home game, "these are not your daddy's Miners."

But this week El Paso has a unique opportunity to show the country that it can support something big. El Pasoans have never filled the Sun Bowl for a game that wasn't a "Sun Bowl" game or didn't include New Mexico State.

If the city doesn't come out and fill the Sun Bowl to over-capacity against Hawaii then all they can do

is blame themselves the next time a frightened politician says "we won't support it."

But if the crowd is spilling over the outer edges of the Sun Bowl this Saturday, I want the small-minded politicians and businessmen of the city to begin talks on that arena we should have already built by now.

And I don't mean a too-small-ten-years 10,000-seat auditorium. I'm talking about some vision — I'm talking about an 18,000-seat, multi-purpose arena that can house anything from a hot-ticket concert to a state democratic convention to a world championship boxing match to

the NCAA basketball tournament.

The city has supported good things in the past but we didn't have the courage or savvy to build on it. Well, those days are over — but the people of El Paso have to put pressure on the city leaders to get them to act.

And the best way to put pressure on them is to take away their argument. And that argument is that El Paso does not turn out and support things.

Fill the Sun Bowl this weekend, El Paso.

Only after we keep our end of the bargain can we force the politicians to keep theirs.

## Motherhood: The new hotness

**By Don Flood**

The store poster showed a young, obviously pregnant woman with a very large belly — and a bare midriff.

"Motherhood," the poster said. "It's HOT."

Hot in what way, I wondered? Hot and sweaty?

Nope, the model's come-hither look made it clear she was meant to be HOT, as in hottie, hot babe — or maybe hot mama.

Perhaps I'm dating myself here, but how important is it, really, for a pregnant woman to look HOT?

I've always considered dressing "hot" as a way of attracting the attention of the opposite sex.

(My wife would be the first to tell you that I am rather hot myself, though she means it in the sense of "hot and sweaty." And probably smelly, too.)

So here we have a pregnant woman with an outfit that basically says: I'm pregnant and I may give birth in the next seven minutes, right here in line at the 10 items or less so-called Express Lane. And I am HOT!

I'm sorry, but no matter how sexy the outfit may attempt to be, men are not thinking: Wow, that is some hot babe there who looks like she's carrying a 30 pound Thanksgiving turkey in her stomach!

No, they're thinking more along the lines of: If she starts giving birth I might have to help in some way! Let's get out of here! In fact, "hot" is just about the furthest thing from their minds at that time.

Not that this trend is completely bad. (Wasn't it only 15 minutes ago that abs were so big?) If big bellies really do equal sex appeal, then Americans are the biggest hotties on the planet.

And getting hotter by the

minute, which is no wonder when the government is sending out such confusing messages about food.

Here's a real-life announcement made recently by the federal government: Americans should eat more whole grains and exercise more!

What is that supposed to mean? Eat sensibly and get more exercise? How can the government expect people to follow wacko advice like that?

And how come our hard-earned tax dollars are going toward this kind of nonsense and not something like: "The Food and Drug Administration has announced the creation of a Magic Donut that melts away flab while you watch TV."

But Americans are trying.

A recent real-life poll included an interesting statistic: 70 percent of Americans rated themselves as "careful" eaters.

Hmmm, excuse me while I digest that — and the sugar-frosted blueberry doughnut I just inhaled for breakfast.

"Careful" how?

Careful not to let food fall off the plate? Careful not to miss any dessert items on the buffet line? Careful not to run out of beer and chips during the football season?

Yes, I suppose Americans are pretty careful eaters.

Many Americans also said they get enough exercise, including 19 percent who say they get their exercise through physically demanding jobs.

That, naturally, would include me. It's not like these keyboard keys push themselves down, you know. That's why my fingers still look "hot."

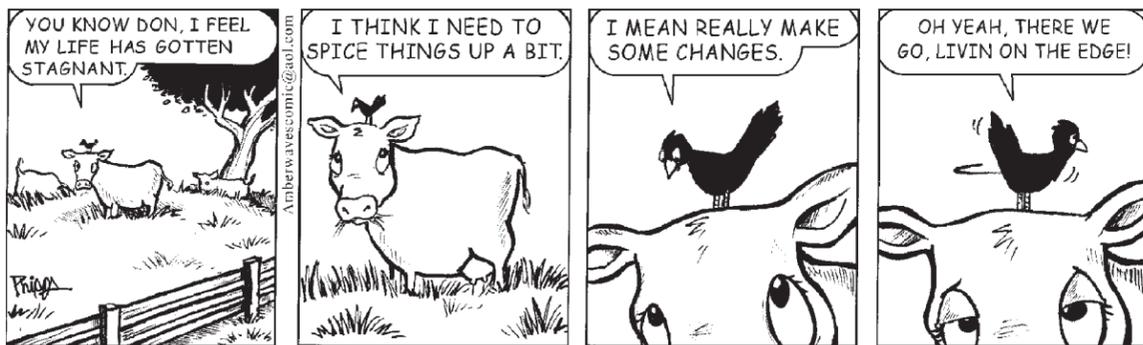
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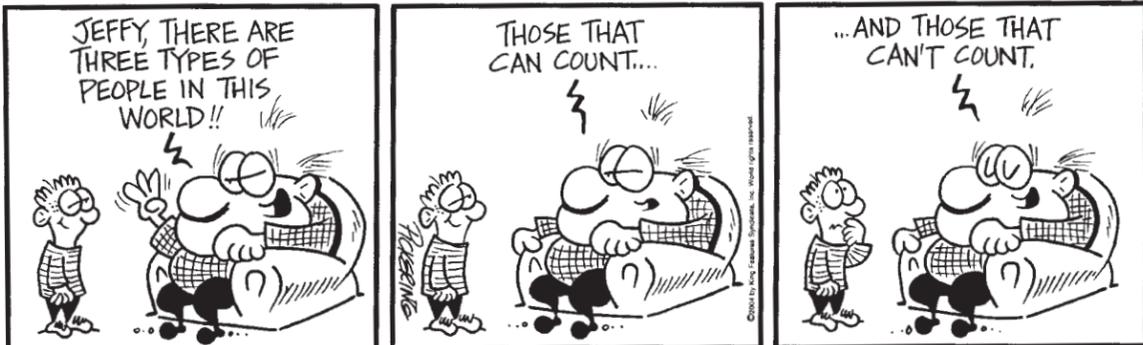
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# Social Security Q&A By Ray Vigil

## Social Security Ticket-to-Work program helps disabled toward independence

In October, the nation will celebrate National Disability Employment Awareness Month. President George W. Bush has noted that "For Americans with disabilities, employment is vital to independence, empowerment, and quality of life. During [this month], we recognize the many contributions citizens with disabilities make to our society, and we reaffirm our commit-

ment to helping them achieve their full inclusion in our workforce."

Social Security is proud of its contribution to this effort through the Ticket to Work program. About 10.5 million Americans with disabilities currently receive benefits under the Social Security or Supplemental Security Income disability programs. And about 9 million of these benefi-

ciaries are eligible to participate in the Ticket to Work program. It truly is one of the best ways to help Americans with disabilities realize their career dreams.

Over the past three years, nearly all of our disability program beneficiaries have received a ticket in the mail, together with information telling them how to use it to get vocational rehabilitation services, as well as employment and other support services. Social Security has contracts with hundreds of groups and organizations around the country, called Employment Networks, which work with disability beneficiaries to

provide assistance to help with the transition to work.

Beneficiaries receive services from Employment Networks for free, and Social Security pays the Employment Networks for successfully helping people go to work.

The Ticket to Work program has other provisions to help people with disabilities who try to go to work. For example, government health care coverage has been extended. Under the Ticket legislation, most Social Security disability beneficiaries are protected by Medicare for at least eight years and six months after they go to work. And some states allow

working people with disabilities to buy Medicaid coverage even if they

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# WEATHER

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## SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR EL PASO

THURSDAY	THUR. NIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Sunny to partly cloudy.	Mainly clear.	Nice with several hours of sun.	Mostly sunny.	A good deal of sunshine.	Sunshine.	Mostly sunny.	Sunny.
▲ 68°	▼ 54°	▲ 78° ▼ 56°	▲ 80° ▼ 56°	▲ 80° ▼ 54°	▲ 78° ▼ 52°	▲ 78° ▼ 52°	▲ 80° ▼ 54°

### UV INDEX Statistics for noon.

The higher the UV Index, the greater the need for eye and skin protection.

Thursday	7	High
Friday	7	High
Saturday	7	High
Sunday	7	High
Monday	7	High
Tuesday	7	High
Wednesday	7	High

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Thursday	69°
Friday	70°
Saturday	72°
Sunday	72°
Monday	75°
Tuesday	78°
Wednesday	77°

### TEXAS WEATHER

Anthony	69	54
Canutillo	69	54
Clint	68	55
E. Montana	68	54
Fabens	68	55
Horizon	69	55
San Elizario	66	52
Socorro	67	54
Tornillo	68	55
Vinton	69	54



Shown is Thursday's weather. Temperatures are Thursday's highs and Thursday night's lows.

### TRAVELERS CITIES

City	Thur. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W
Albuquerque	64/47/s	72/48/s	73/49/s	74/48/pc	74/49/pc
Atlanta	70/44/pc	62/44/pc	66/50/pc	70/54/s	70/56/sh
Atlantic City	68/53/r	67/45/r	64/43/pc	61/40/pc	60/38/c
Austin/San Antonio	81/47/s	82/59/s	86/61/pc	86/64/pc	84/65/s
Baltimore	66/54/r	64/46/r	62/44/sh	60/42/pc	59/38/sh
Boston	62/54/r	62/52/r	63/47/pc	57/46/pc	58/41/pc
Chicago	52/42/sh	52/38/sh	50/38/sh	56/42/pc	64/39/pc
Dallas/Ft. Worth	70/51/s	76/57/s	78/62/pc	78/62/pc	82/66/s
Denver	62/38/pc	60/34/pc	64/36/pc	70/40/s	66/41/s
Flagstaff	64/34/s	69/36/s	67/36/s	66/34/pc	62/29/pc
Houston	76/52/pc	74/56/s	80/61/pc	80/59/pc	80/56/pc
Kansas City	52/34/pc	60/39/pc	59/42/pc	65/50/pc	68/51/s
Las Vegas	84/62/s	86/62/s	88/62/s	86/60/s	83/56/pc
Miami	87/69/pc	85/67/t	85/69/pc	87/73/pc	85/69/sh
Minneapolis	48/34/pc	42/30/sn	38/32/pc	42/37/r	53/35/c
New Orleans	70/50/pc	67/55/s	79/63/s	81/64/s	81/65/pc
New York City	63/54/r	64/53/r	60/49/sh	62/50/pc	59/45/pc
Philadelphia	64/54/r	64/48/r	60/44/sh	59/44/pc	59/42/c
Phoenix	91/68/s	94/68/s	91/68/s	89/66/pc	89/62/s
Portland	74/50/s	70/50/pc	66/48/sh	64/48/r	64/46/r
San Francisco	78/55/s	70/55/pc	68/55/pc	69/55/pc	67/45/sh
Seattle	68/50/s	66/50/pc	59/48/sh	57/46/r	56/38/r
Tucson	85/60/s	91/60/s	89/60/s	89/60/s	87/58/s
Washington, DC	66/54/sh	62/47/r	60/45/sh	62/47/pc	60/45/sh

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

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